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## IT WAS A GREAT YEAR!

ON MARCH 16, 1969, A NEW MUSICAL OPENED ON BROADWAY. IT WAS "1776" AND WHEN THE CURTAIN WENT DOWN, THE FIRST NIGHT AUDIENCE ROSE TO ITS FEET IN A RARE AND SPONTANEOUS OVATION THAT MARKED ONE OF THE THEATRE'S MOST UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS.

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IT WAS THE SUMMER OF 1776 AND THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS WAS MEETING AT INDEPENDENCE HALL, PHILADELPHIA. PRESENT WERE GREAT MEN OF THEIR TIME... JOHN ADAMS, MASSACHUSETTS, RICHARD HENRY LEE, VIRGINIA, ROGER SHERMAN, CONNECTICUT, THOMAS JEFFERSON, VIRGINIA, THE BRILLIANT BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, A NATIVE OF PHILADELPHIA... THESE MEN,

AND OTHERS, GATHERED TOGETHER IN A STORMY SESSION TO ASSIST IN ONE OF THE NOBLEST WORKS OF MANKIND... THE BIRTH OF A MIGHTY NATION...

## THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!

WHILE THEY MET HERE, GEORGE WASHINGTON, COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF THE AMERICAN ARMY, TRIED TO KEEP HIS POORLY EQUIPPED AND SUPPLIED TROOPS IN THE FIELD AGAINST THE BRITISH ARMY!

MAKE WAY!  
DISPATCHES FROM  
GENERAL  
WASHINGTON!!



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JOHN ADAMS OF MASSACHUSETTS WAS THE MOST ZEALOUS ADVOCATE OF INDEPENDENCE... HE WAS IMPATIENT WITH THE BICKERING AND PETTY QUARRELS THAT WENT ON IN THE GREAT HALL BELOW... SO HE SOUGHT TRANQUILITY IN THE TOWER OF INDEPENDENCE HALL... DRAWING COMFORT FROM THE INSCRIPTION ON THE MIGHTY LIBERTY BELL...

WHAT'RE YOU STANDIN' UP HERE FOR, MR. ADAMS? THEY SENT ME TO GET YOU... THEY'RE READY TO VOTE NOW IN THE CHAMBER.

A VOTE? IT'S ABOUT TIME! ON WHAT, MR. MCNAIR?



ON WHETHER OR NOT THE MEMBERS OF THE RHODE ISLAND MILITIA BE REQUIRED TO WEAR MATCHING UNIFORMS!

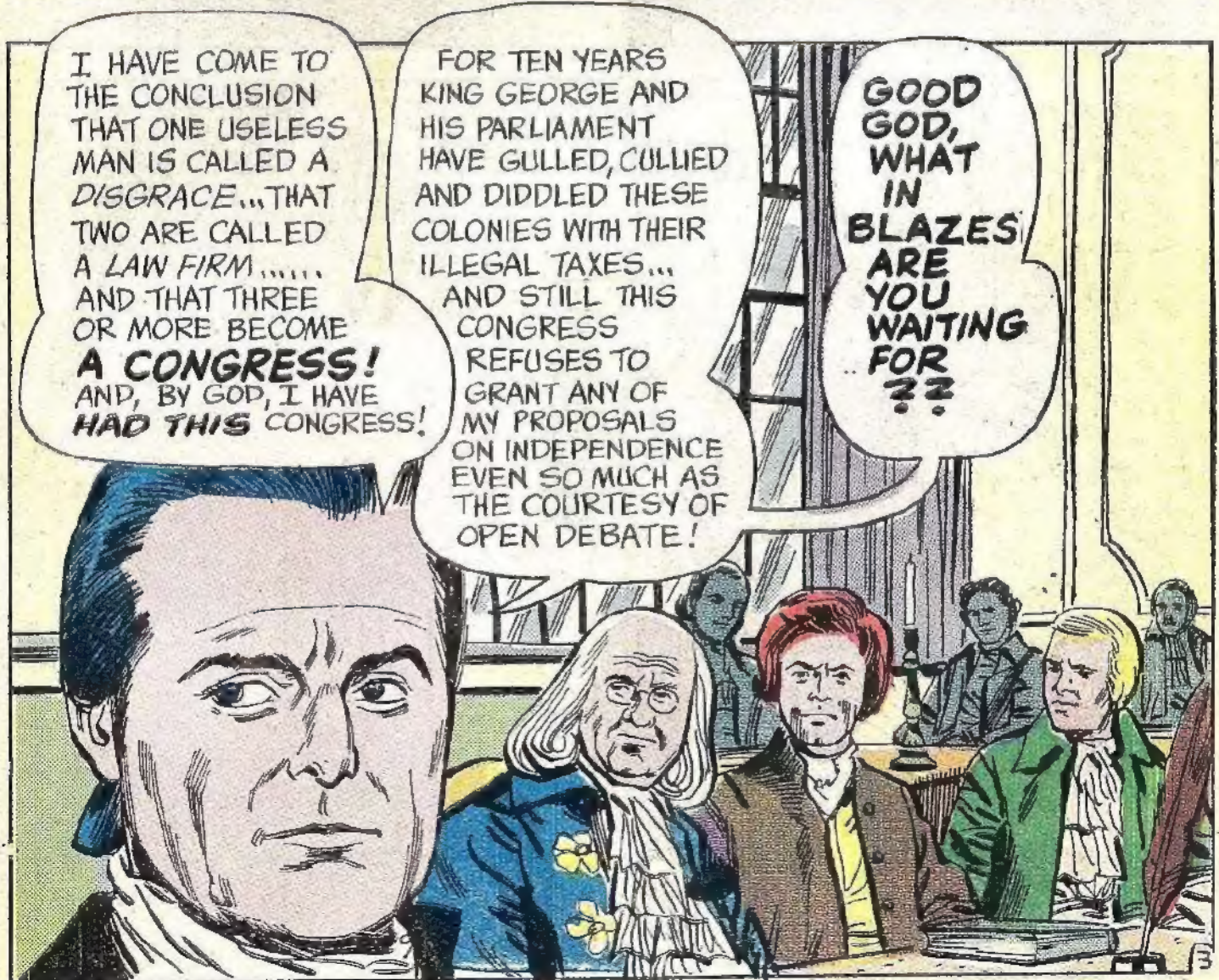
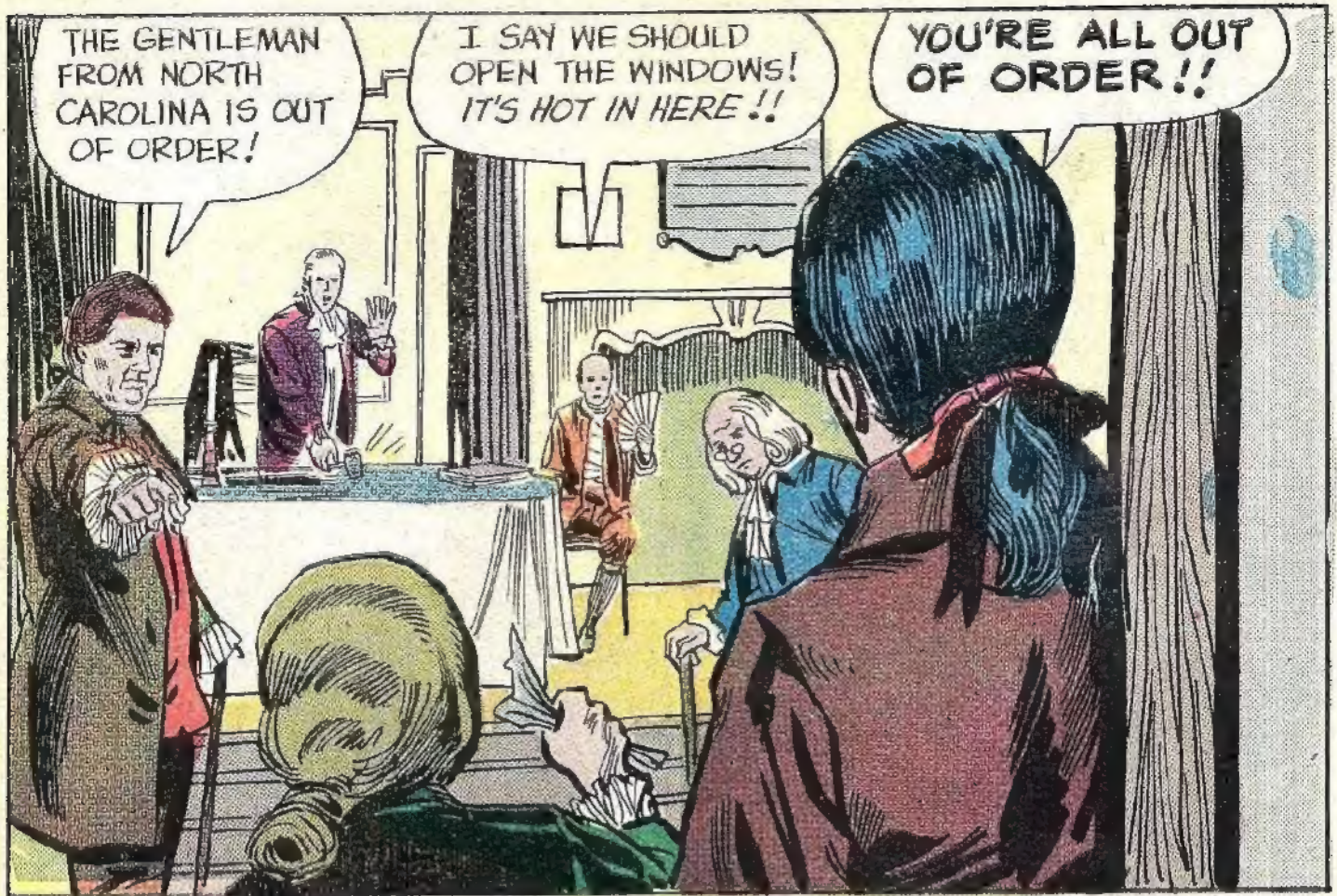
OH, GOOD GOD!



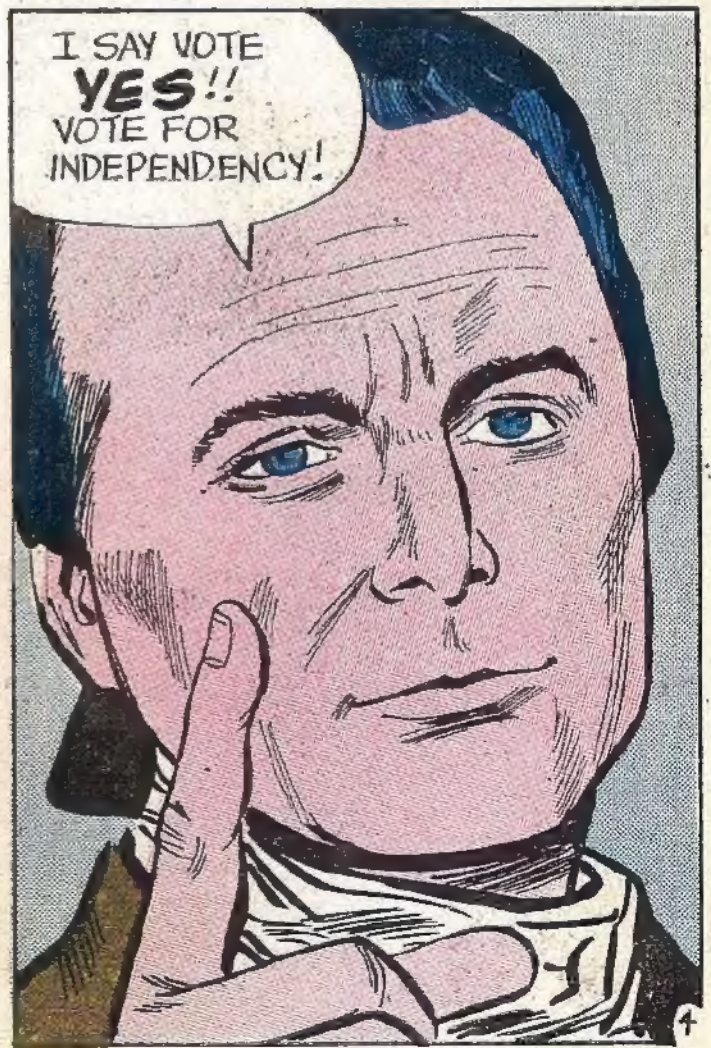
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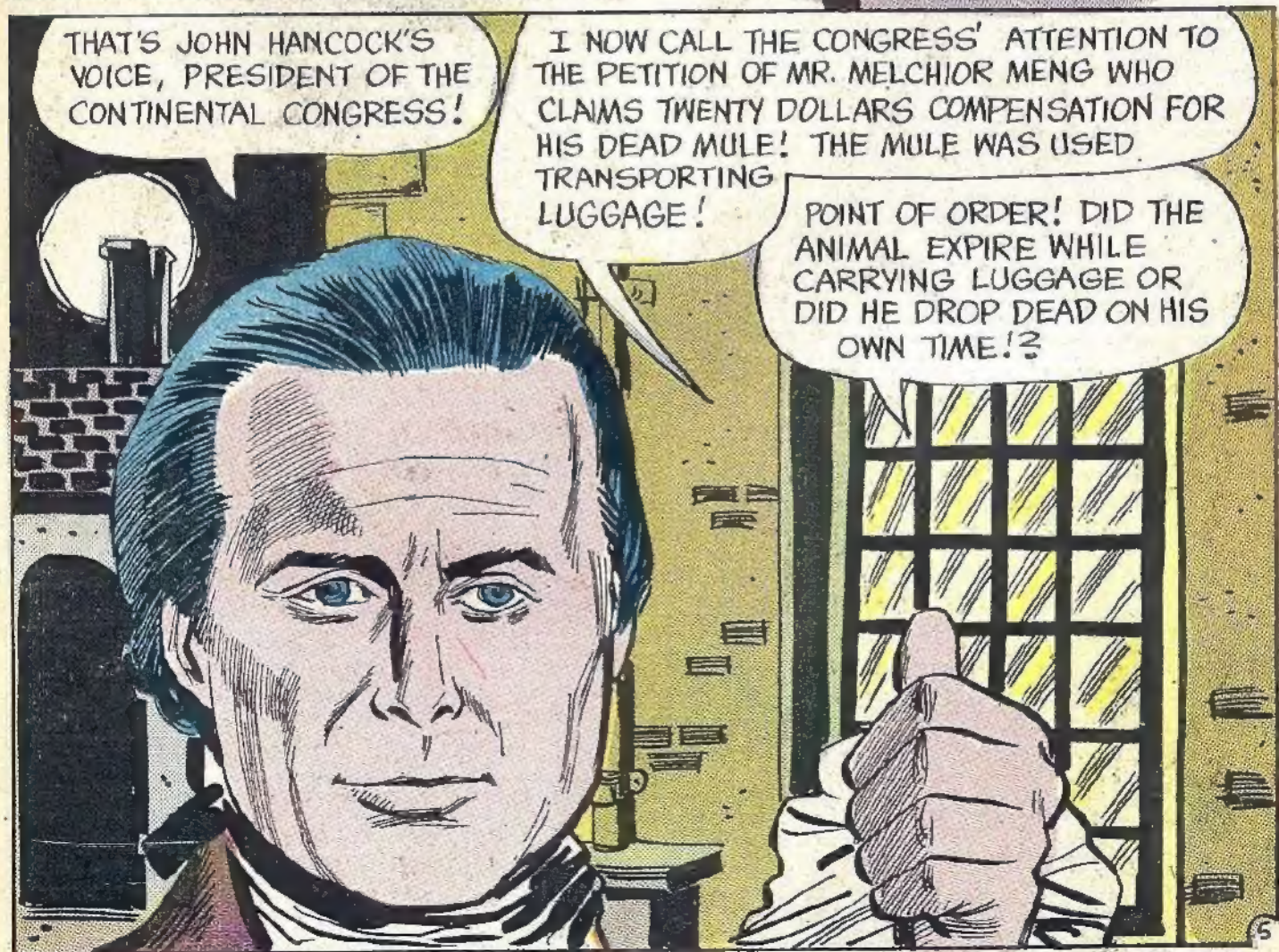




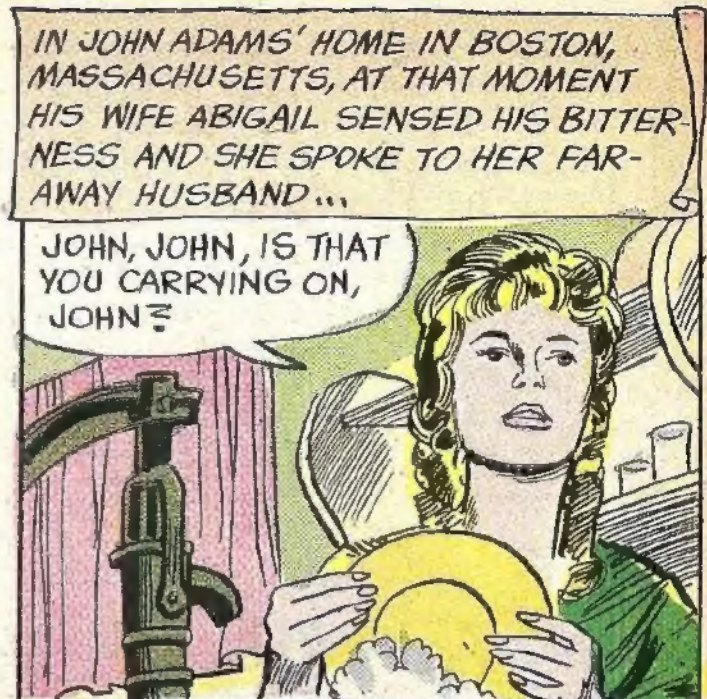
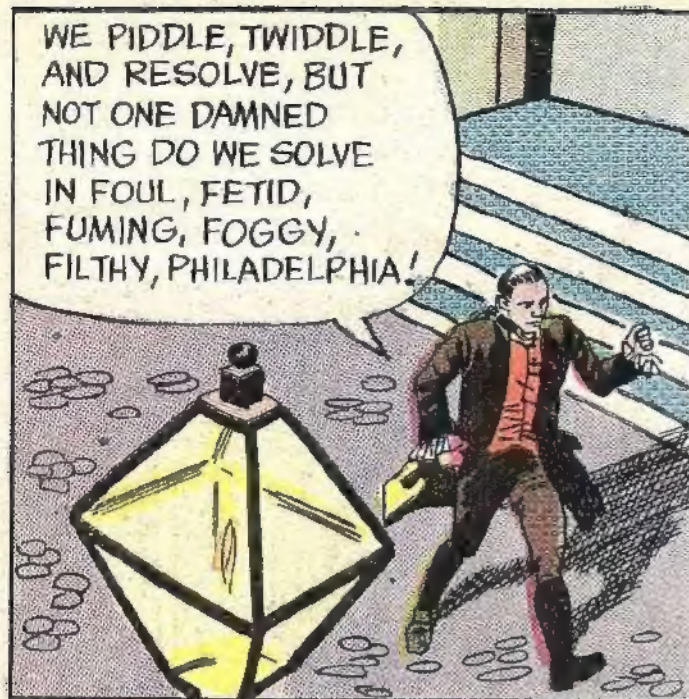














BEHIND THE STATE HOUSE, LATER, JOHN ADAMS FOUND BENJAMIN FRANKLIN SITTING FOR HIS PORTRAIT...

FRANKLIN! WHERE IN GOD'S NAME HAVE YOU BEEN?

RIGHT HERE, JOHN... BEING PRESERVED FOR POSTERITY! DO YOU LIKE IT?

IT STINKS!

AS EVER, JOHN, YOU'RE THE SOUL OF TACT!

FRANKLIN! WHERE WERE YOU LAST NIGHT WHEN I NEEDED YOU? YOU SHOULD'VE HEARD WHAT I SUFFERED IN THERE!

I HEARD, ALL RIGHT... ALONG WITH THE REST OF PHILADELPHIA!

WHEN WILL THEY MAKE UP THEIR MINDS? ON THE ONE HAND, THEY RAISE AN ARMY, APPOINT GEORGE WASHINGTON TO COMMAND IT, THEN THEY PETITION KING GEORGE FOR FORGIVENESS AND ASK FOR PEACE!

JOHN, YOU TALK AS IF INDEPENDENCE WERE THE RULE! IT'S NEVER BEEN TRIED BEFORE! NO COLONY HAS EVER BROKEN AWAY FROM ITS PARENT IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD!





DAMN IT, FRANKLIN,  
YOU MAKE US  
SOUND TREASON-  
OUS!

**TREASON?**  
"TREASON IS A  
CHARGE INVENTED  
BY WINNERS AS AN  
EXCUSE TO HANG  
THE LOSERS."



DAMMIT,  
FRANKLIN,  
WE'RE AT  
WAR!

TO DEFEND OURSELVES,  
NOTHING MORE! OUR  
FELLOW CONGRESSMEN  
WANT TO EFFECT A  
RECONCILIATION BEFORE  
IT BECOMES A WAR!



THE **PEOPLE**  
WANT INDEPENDENCE,  
FRANKLIN!

THEY'VE READ THOMAS PAINE'S "COMMON  
SENSE", JOHN... BUT I DOUBT IF THE  
CONGRESS HAS! GIVE IT UP, JOHN... YOU'RE  
**OBNOXIOUS** AND **DISLIKED**!



I'M NOT TRYING TO  
BE POPULAR,  
FRANKLIN... I'M  
PROMOTING  
INDEPENDENCE!

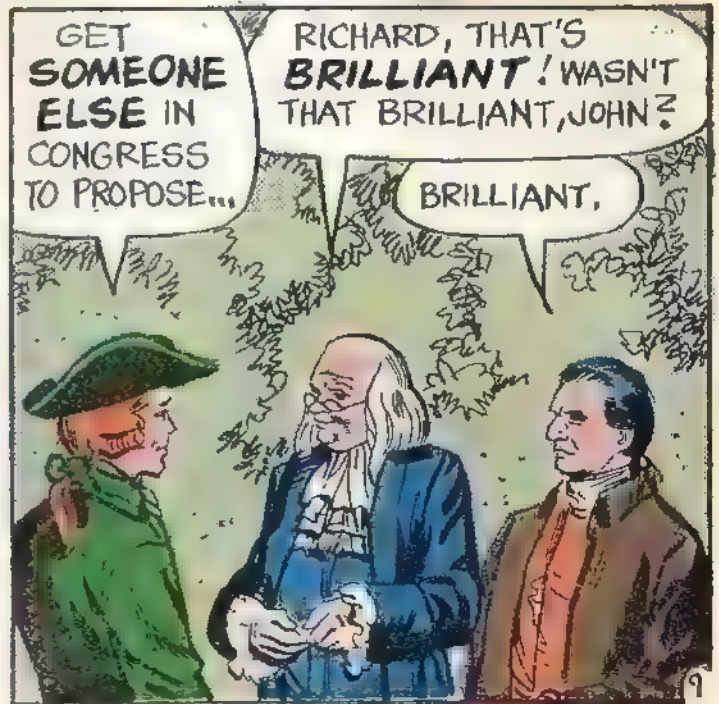
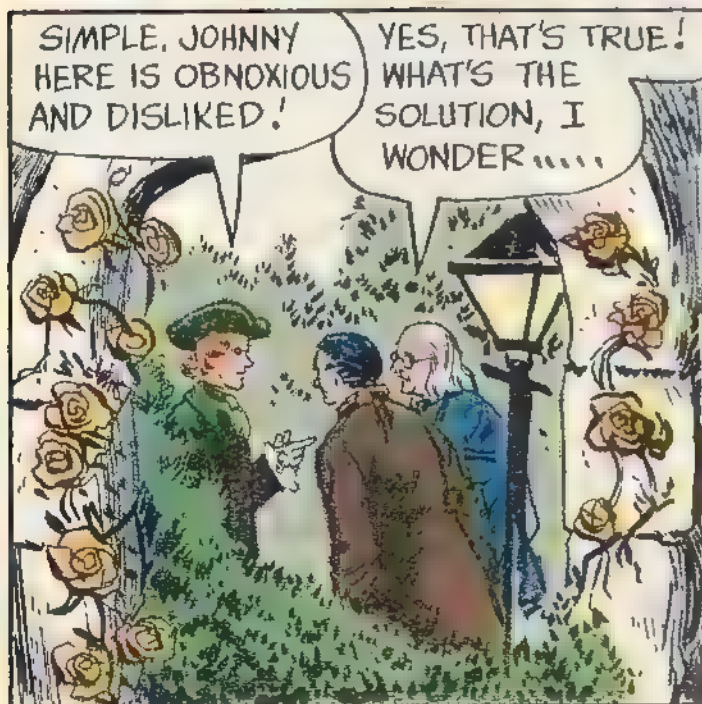
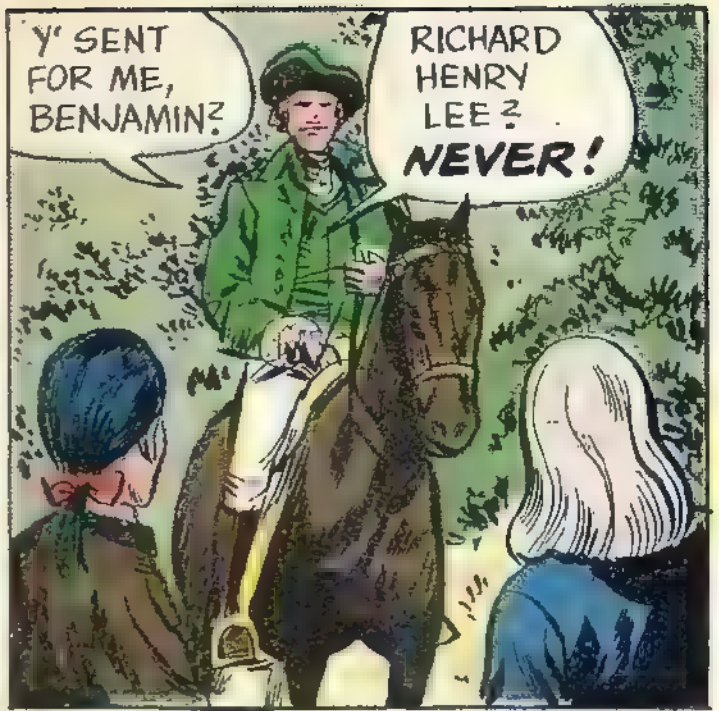
FACE FACTS, MAN!  
YOUR OWN COUSIN,  
SAMUEL ADAMS,  
CAN'T STAND BEING  
AROUND YOU ANY MORE!



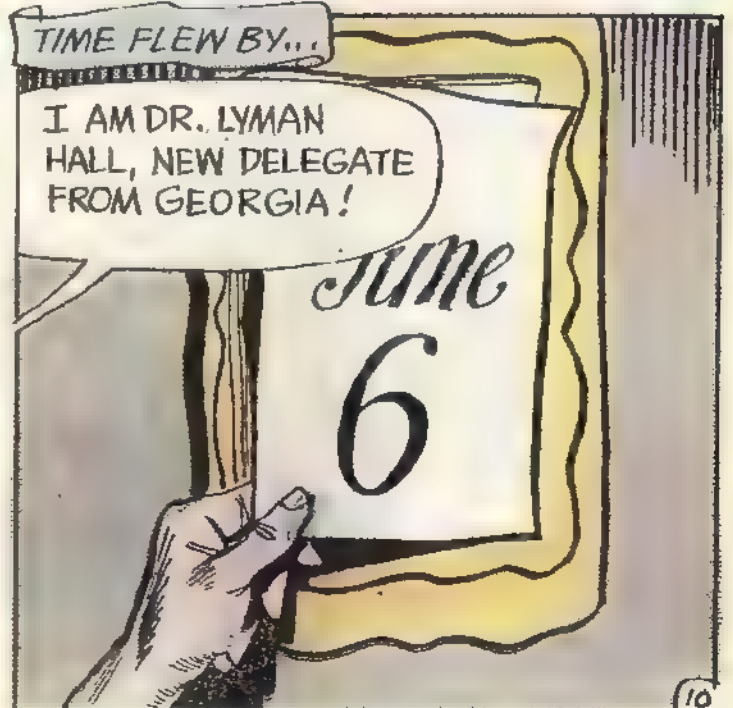
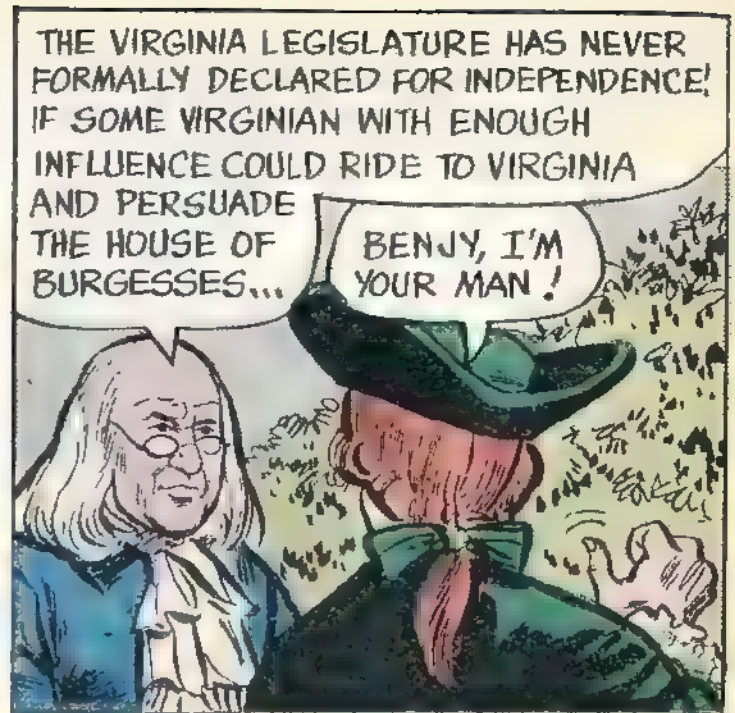
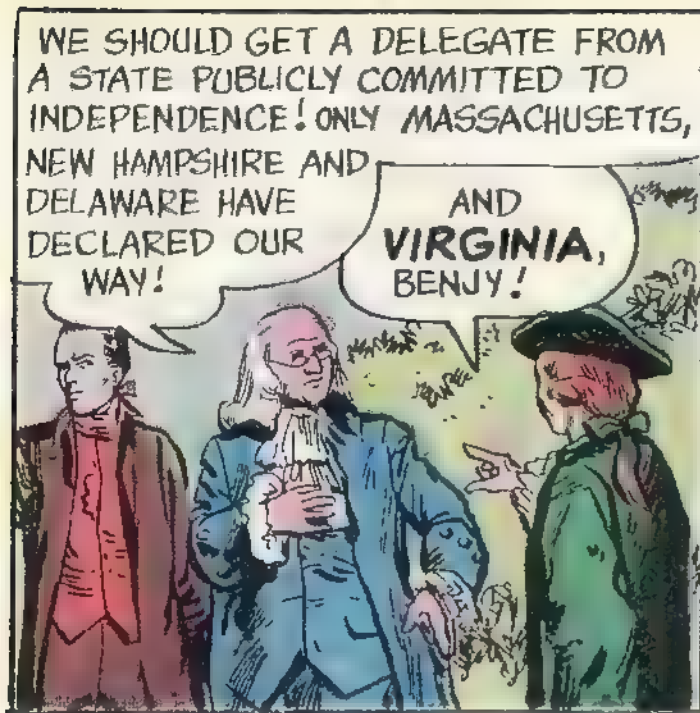
WHAT'RE  
YOU  
GETTING  
AT,  
FRANKLIN?

SIMPLY THIS... LET  
SOMEONE ELSE  
PROPOSE INDEPENDENCE  
...SOMEONE **NOT**  
**OBNOXIOUS** AND  
**DISLIKED**!











I'M ANDREW  
McNAIR,  
CONGRESSIONAL  
CUSTODIAN!

WHERE DOES  
THE GEORGIA  
DELEGATION  
BELONG?



YONDER,  
BETWEEN  
THE TWO  
CAROLINAS!



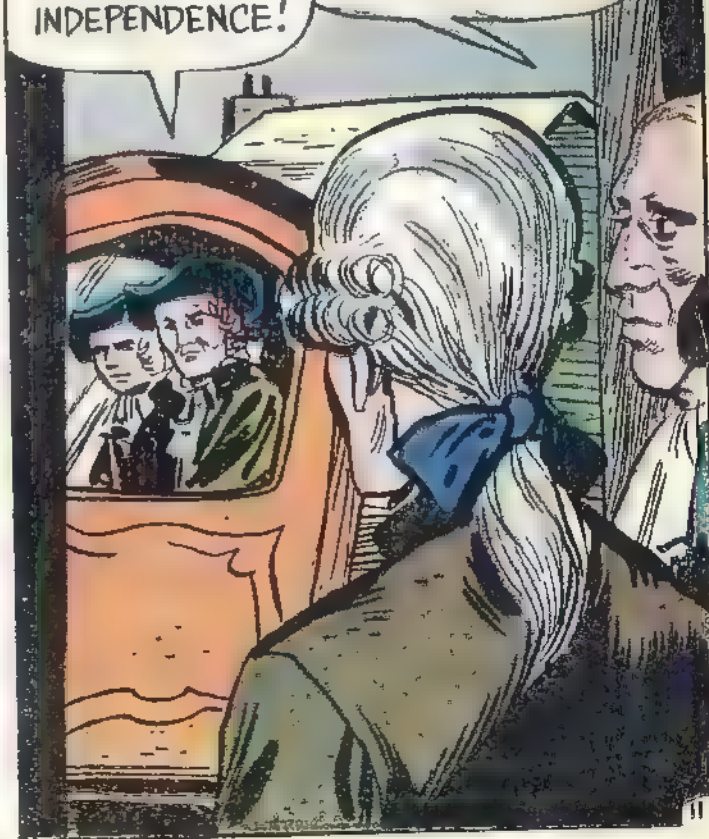
THE NORTHERN DELEGATES ARRIVED  
THAT MORNING, SAUNTERING IN SHORTLY  
AFTER 10 A.M., THE OFFICIAL HOUR TO  
BEGIN... THEN THE SOUTHERNERS  
ARRIVED, TAKING THEIR PLACES!

THE CONTINENTAL CONGRESS WILL COME  
TO ORDER! SEATS, GENTLEMEN!

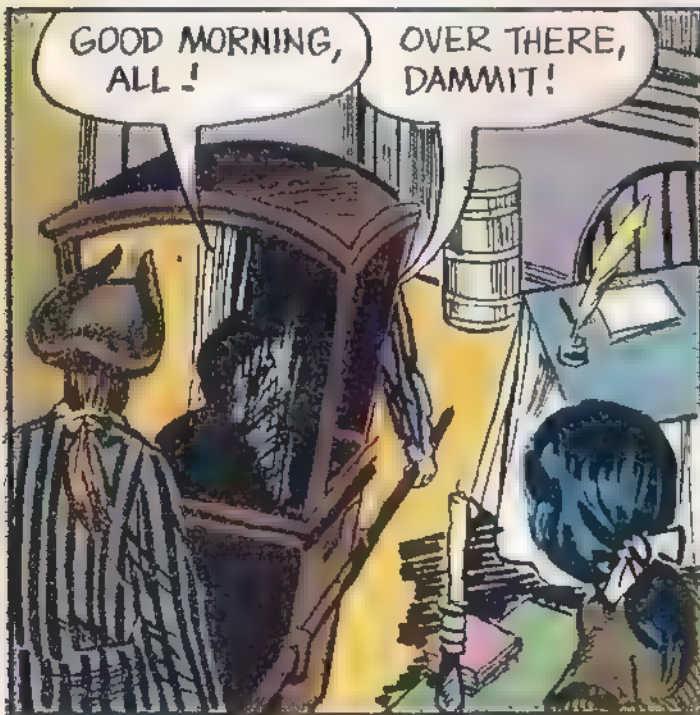
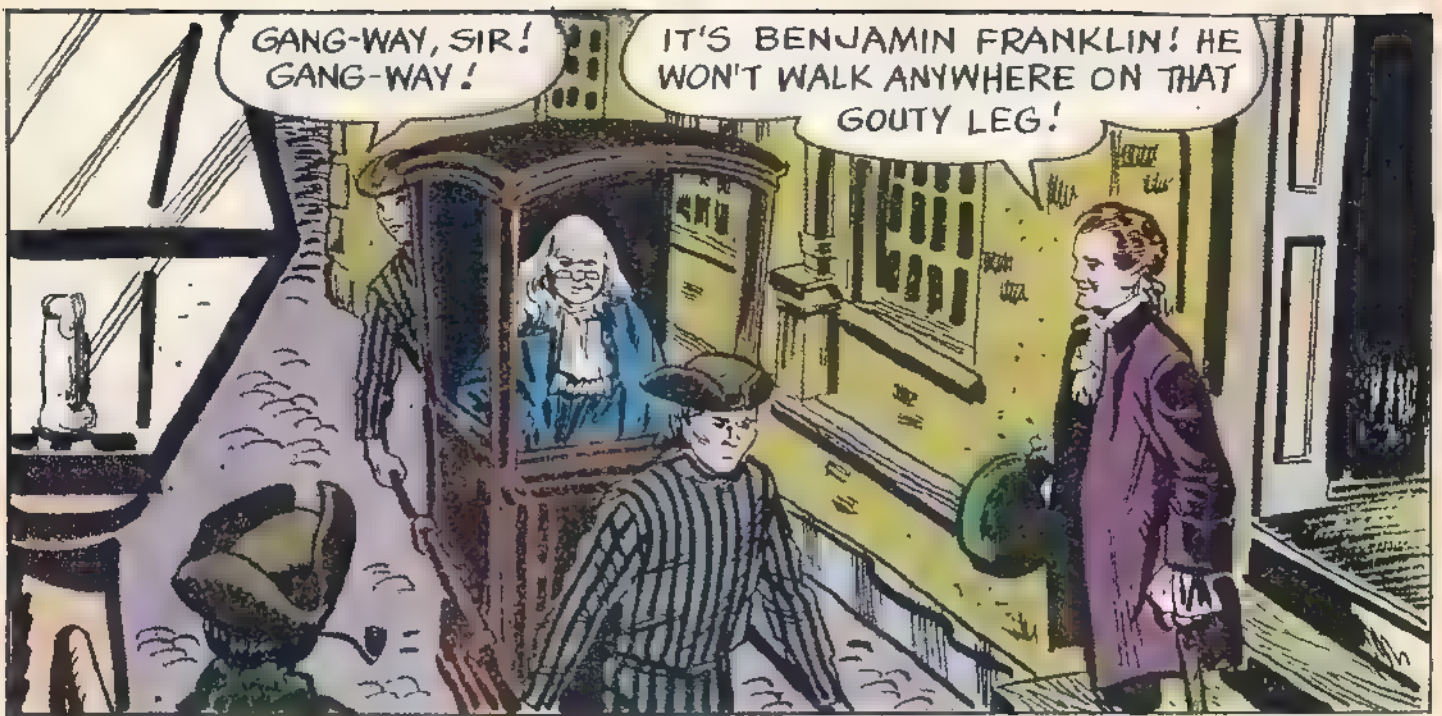


DR. HALL, DON'T  
LET CAESAR  
RODNEY OF  
DELAWARE  
SWAY YOU TO  
INDEPENDENCE!

DR. HALL, I WANT  
YOU TO MEET JOHN  
DICKINSON AND  
JAMES WILSON OF  
PENNSYLVANIA!

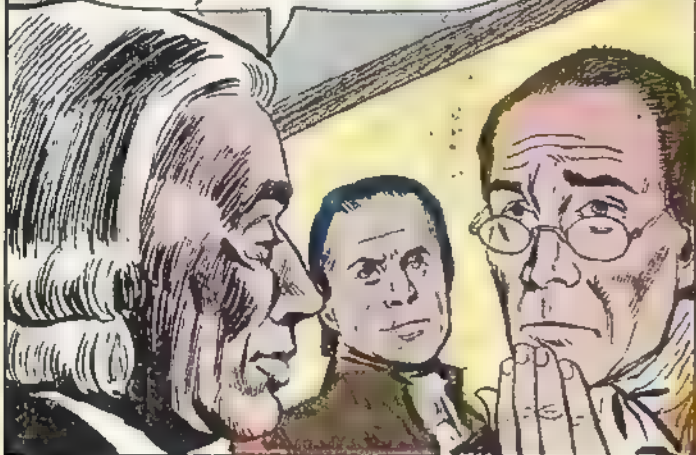








TELL ME, JAMES... WHY HAVE WE HAD SO MUCH QUIET FROM THE NEW ENGLAND DELEGATION LATELY? THEY HAVEN'T MENTIONED INDEPENDENCE IN **THIRTY DAYS!**



WELL, I....

A MONTH FREE FROM NEW ENGLAND NOISE IS BETTER THAN A MONTH IN THE COUNTRY!



MR. ADAMS, WE MISS YOUR VOICE! IT WAS MOST ENTERTAINING TO THIS CONGRESS!

CONGRATULATIONS, JOHN... YOU'VE MADE A GREAT CONTRIBUTION ...YOU'VE KEPT YOUR MOUTH SHUT!

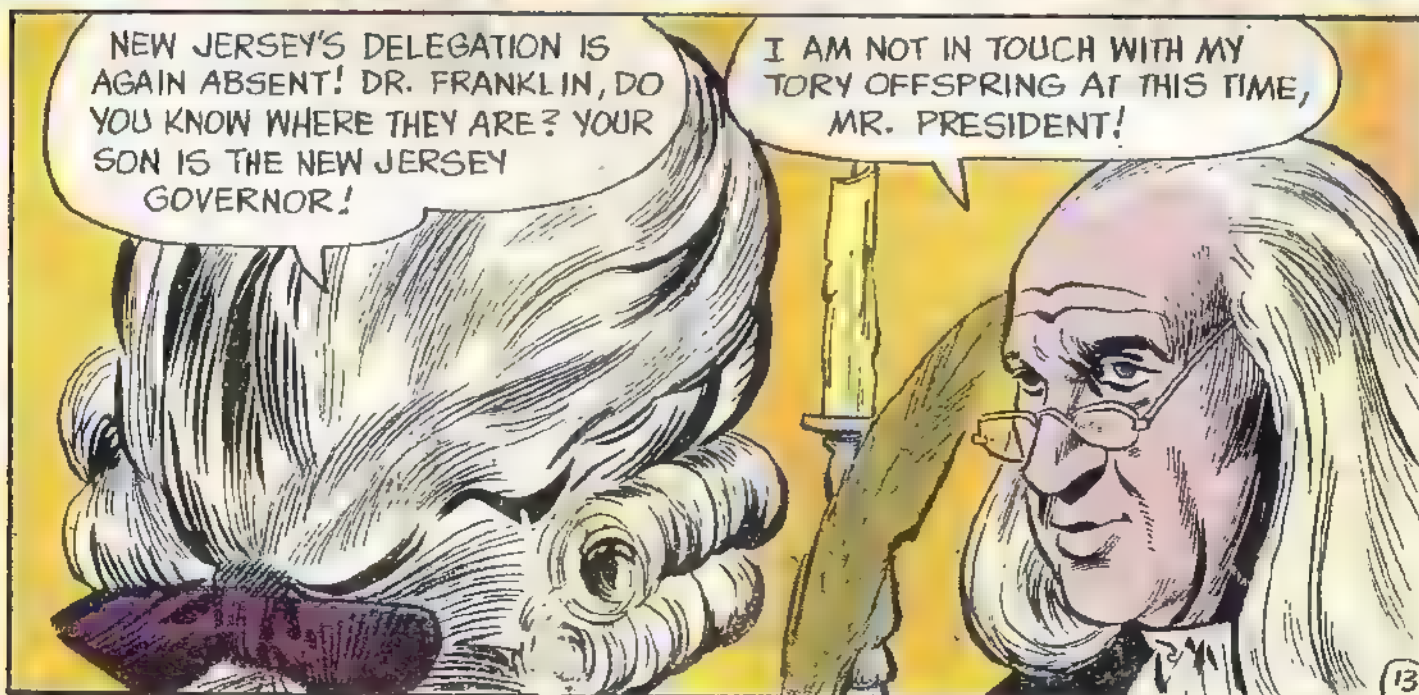


THE SECOND CONTINENTAL CONGRESS, MEETING IN THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, IS NOW IN SESSION, 7 JUNE 1776, THE 380<sup>TH</sup> MEETING... JOHN HANCOCK OF MASSACHUSETTS BAY, PRESIDENT!



NEW JERSEY'S DELEGATION IS AGAIN ABSENT! DR. FRANKLIN, DO YOU KNOW WHERE THEY ARE? YOUR SON IS THE NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR!

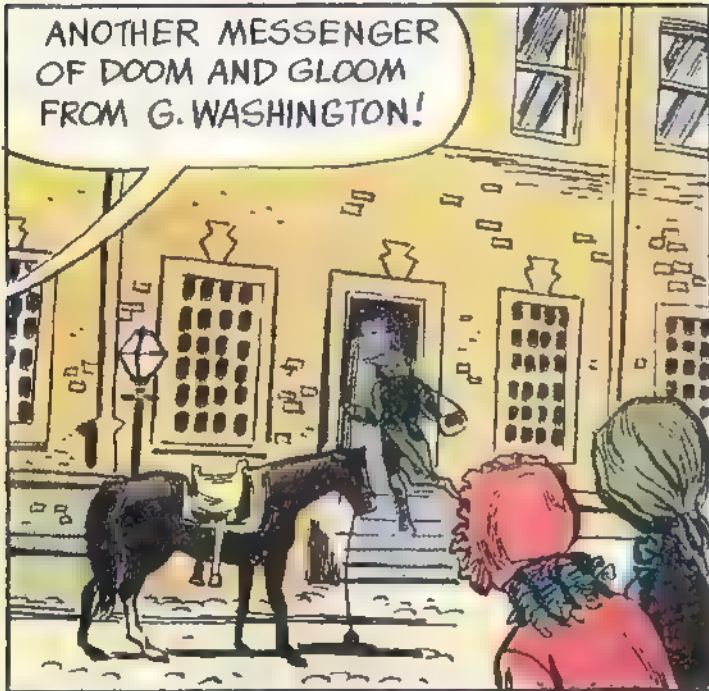
I AM NOT IN TOUCH WITH MY TORY OFFSPRING AT THIS TIME, MR. PRESIDENT!



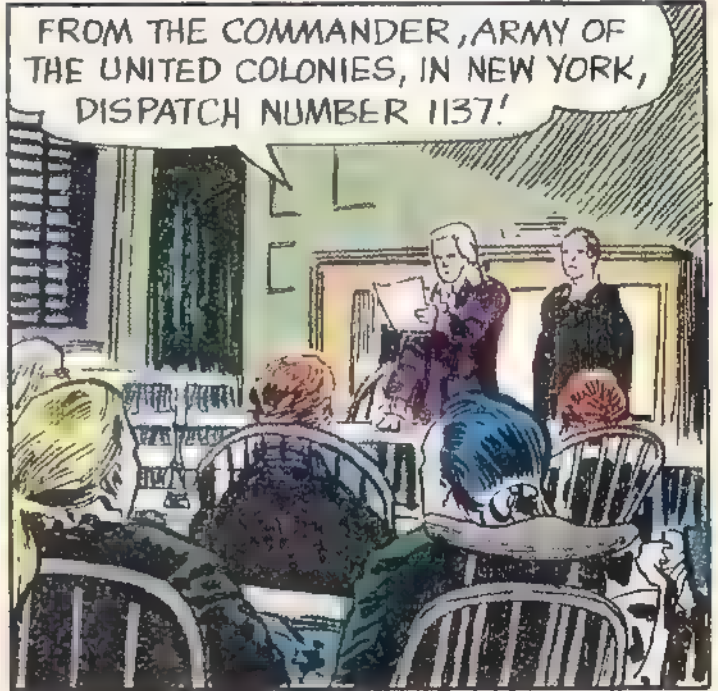




ANOTHER MESSENGER  
OF DOOM AND GLOOM  
FROM G. WASHINGTON!



FROM THE COMMANDER, ARMY OF  
THE UNITED COLONIES, IN NEW YORK,  
DISPATCH NUMBER 1137!



IT IS WITH GRAVE APPREHENSION THAT I  
HAVE LEARNED OF THE SAILING FROM  
HALIFAX OF A LARGE FORCE OF BRITISH  
TROOPS! GENERAL HOWE WILL COMMAND  
THEM IN THE NEW YORK AREA. I SEE NO  
WAY OF STOPPING THEM. WE HAVE NO  
FOOD, MONEY TO PAY THE TROOPS, AND  
THEY ARE IN A STATE OF NEAR MUTINY!

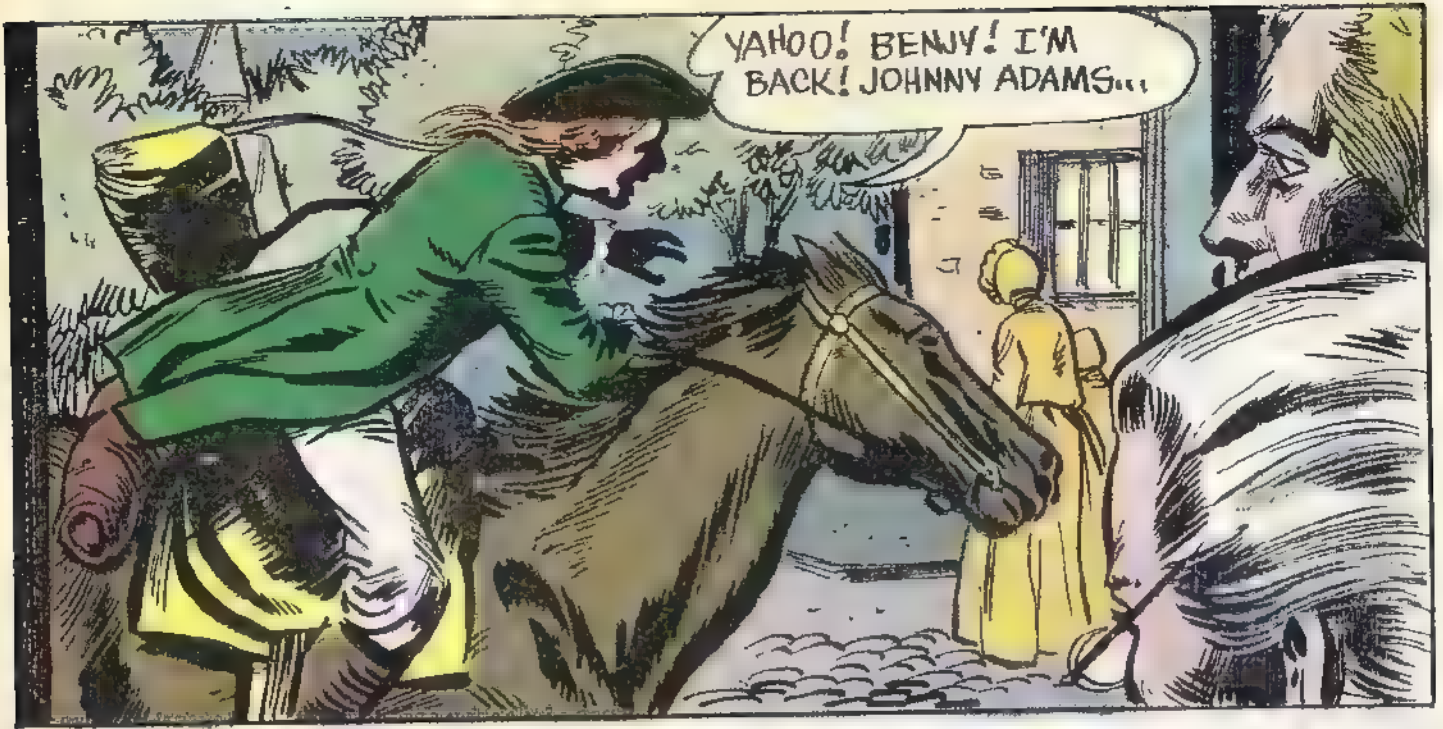
I AM YOUR OBEDIENT SERVANT,  
G. WASHINGTON.



WE'VE PROMOTED THE GLOOMIEST  
MAN ON THIS CONTINENT TO THE  
HEAD OF OUR TROOPS!







YAHOO! BENNY! I'M  
BACK! JOHNNY ADAMS...



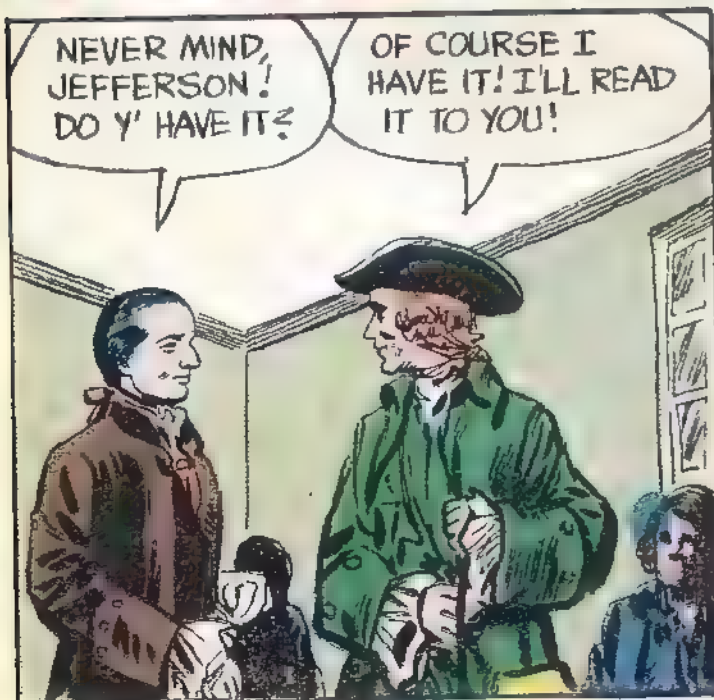
WHAT NEWS,  
DICKIE-BOY...  
WHAT NEWS?

LEE?  
IS IT  
DONE?



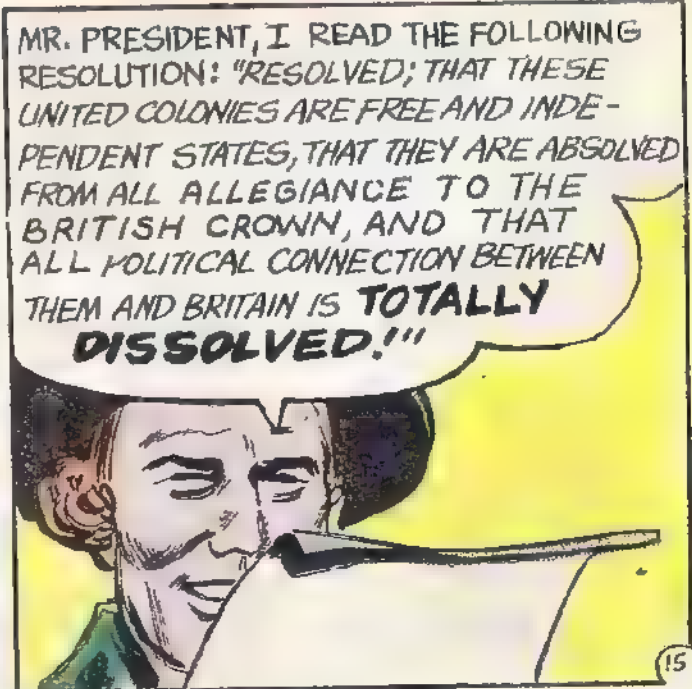
FIRST THINGS FIRST!  
TOM JEFFERSON,  
YOUR BLUSHING  
BRIDE WISHES TO  
KNOW WHEN YOU'RE  
COMING HOME?

I LEAVE  
TONIGHT,  
RICHARD!



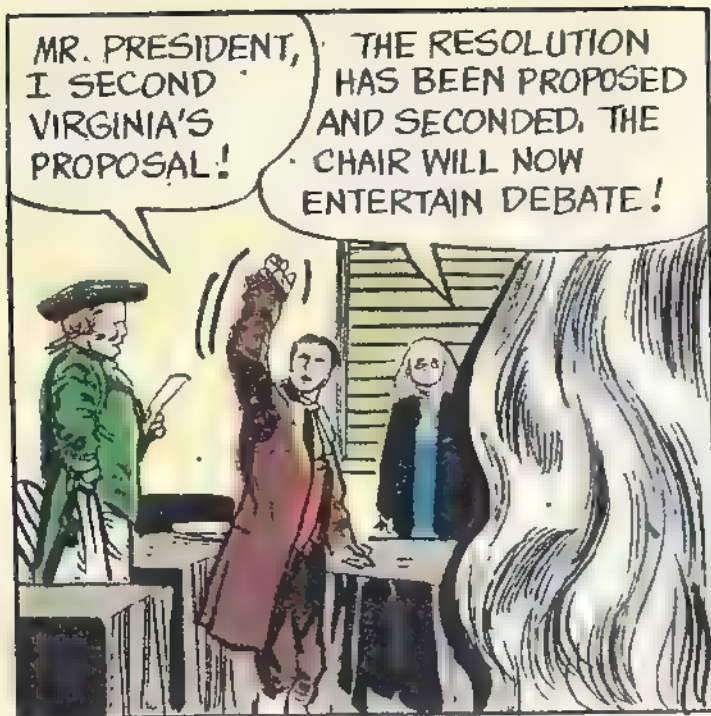
NEVER MIND,  
JEFFERSON!  
DO Y' HAVE IT?

OF COURSE I  
HAVE IT! I'LL READ  
IT TO YOU!



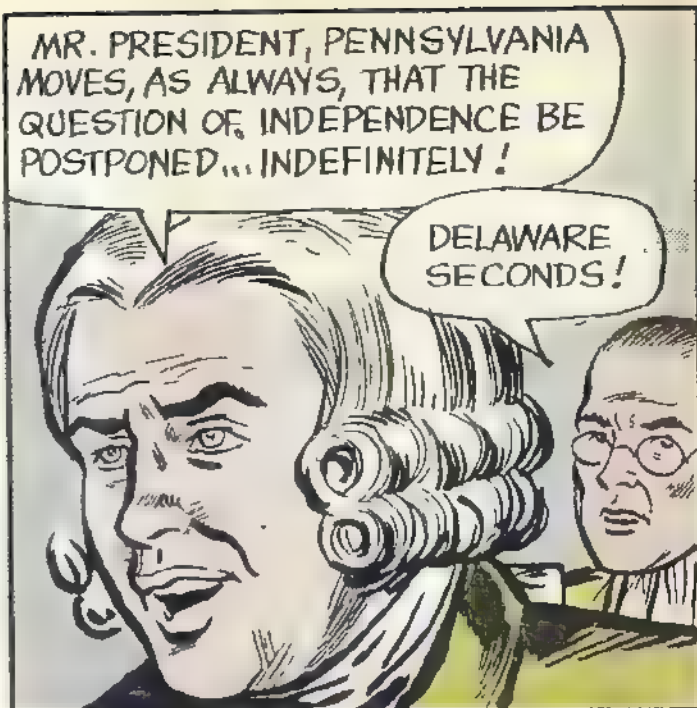
MR. PRESIDENT, I READ THE FOLLOWING  
RESOLUTION: "RESOLVED; THAT THESE  
UNITED COLONIES ARE FREE AND INDE-  
PENDENT STATES, THAT THEY ARE ABSOLVED  
FROM ALL ALLEGIANCE TO THE  
BRITISH CROWN, AND THAT  
ALL POLITICAL CONNECTION BETWEEN  
THEM AND BRITAIN IS **TOTALLY  
DISSOLVED!**"





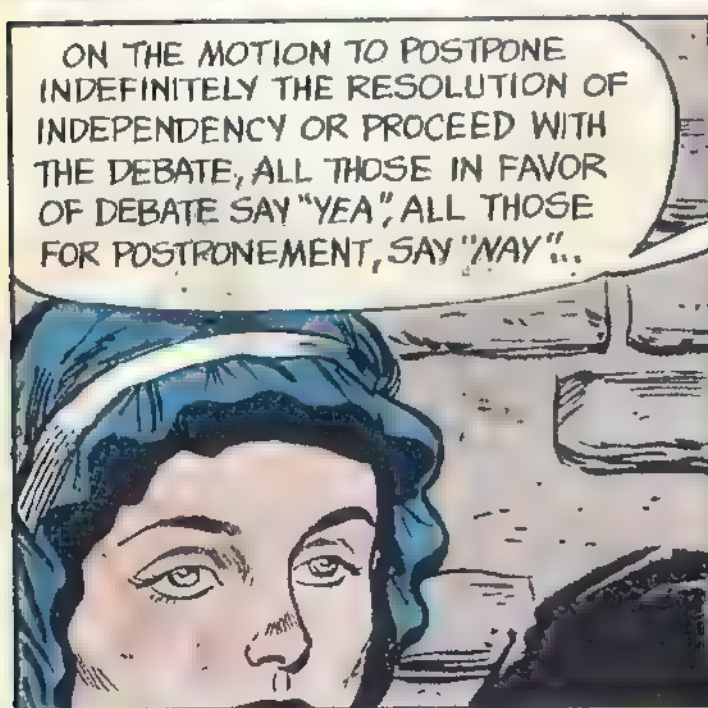
MR. PRESIDENT,  
I SECOND  
VIRGINIA'S  
PROPOSAL!

THE RESOLUTION  
HAS BEEN PROPOSED  
AND SECONDED. THE  
CHAIR WILL NOW  
ENTERTAIN DEBATE!

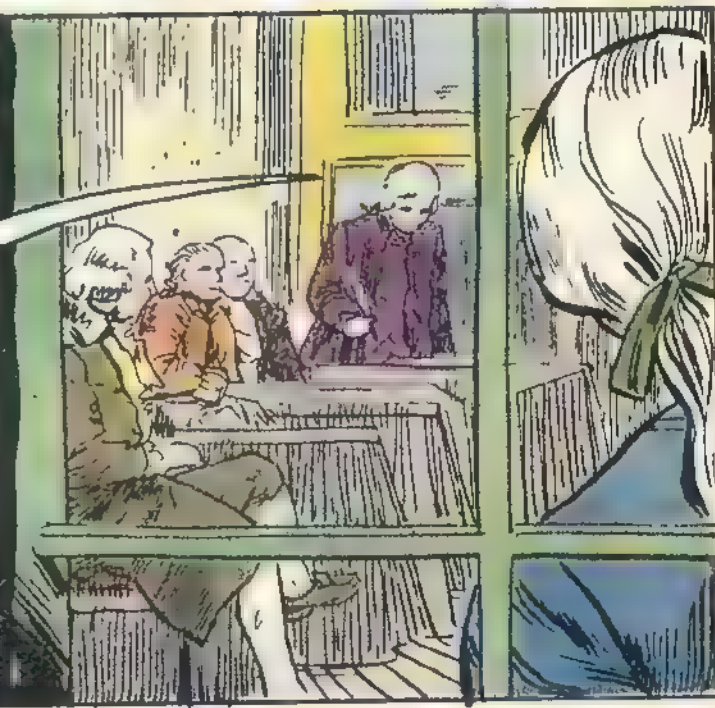


MR. PRESIDENT, PENNSYLVANIA  
MOVES, AS ALWAYS, THAT THE  
QUESTION OF INDEPENDENCE BE  
POSTPONED... INDEFINITELY!

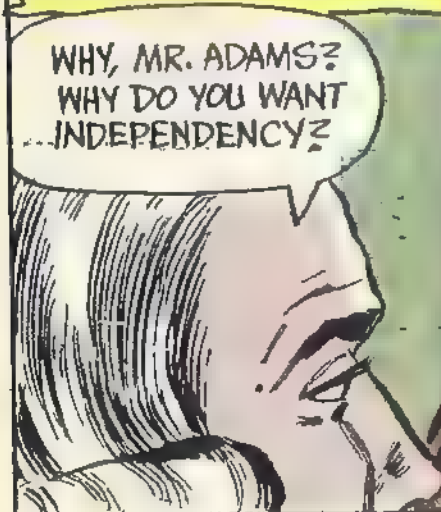
DELAWARE  
SECONDS!



ON THE MOTION TO POSTPONE  
INDEFINITELY THE RESOLUTION OF  
INDEPENDENCY OR PROCEED WITH  
THE DEBATE, ALL THOSE IN FAVOR  
OF DEBATE SAY "YEA", ALL THOSE  
FOR POSTPONEMENT, SAY "NAY"...



THE VOTE WAS TAKEN. NEW HAMPSHIRE, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT,  
DELAWARE, VIRGINIA, RHODE ISLAND WERE FOR DEBATE... FIVE,  
PENNSYLVANIA, NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA, GEORGIA AND MARYLAND WERE  
OPPOSED... ONE (NEW JERSEY) WAS ABSENT AND NEW YORK ABSTAINED!



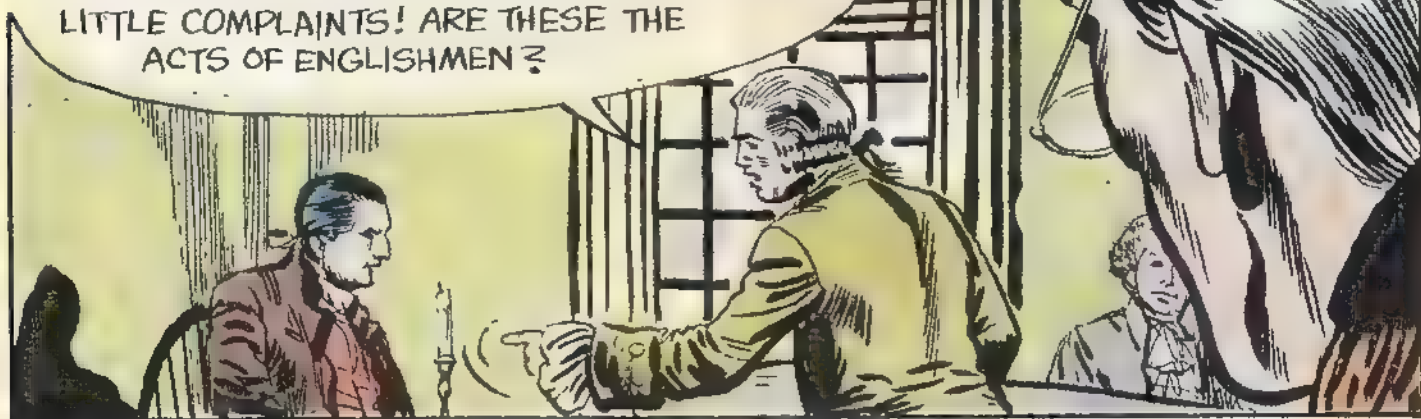
WHY, MR. ADAMS?  
WHY DO YOU WANT  
INDEPENDENCY?



BECAUSE ENGLAND MEANS ONLY  
CRIPPLING TAXES, CRUEL RE-  
PRESSION AND ABOLISHED RIGHTS,  
MR. DICKINSON!



IS THAT ALL ENGLAND MEANS TO YOU, SIR? SOME MEN, LIKE GENERAL WASHINGTON, ARE PATRIOTS! THOMAS PAINE IS AN ANARCHIST, BENJAMIN FRANKLIN AN INTERNATIONALIST, BUT YOU! YOU, SIR ARE AN AGITATOR, DISTURBING THE PEACE, CREATING DISORDER, AND FOR WHAT? BECAUSE OF YOUR PETTY LITTLE COMPLAINTS! ARE THESE THE ACTS OF ENGLISHMEN?



NOT ENGLISHMEN, DICKINSON ....  
**AMERICANS!**

**ENGLISHMEN!**



PLEASE, MR. DICKINSON  
... BUT YOU START BANGING?  
HOW IS A MAN TO **SLEEP?**

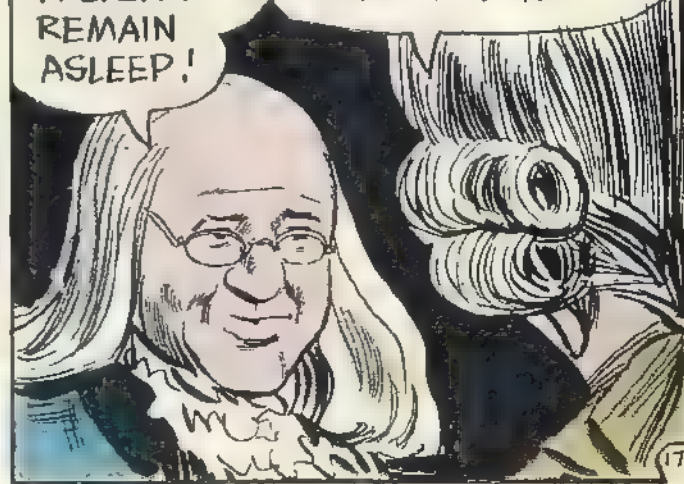


FORGIVE ME, DR. FRANKLIN,  
BUT MUST YOU START **SPEAKING?**  
HOW IS A MAN TO STAY **AWAKE?**

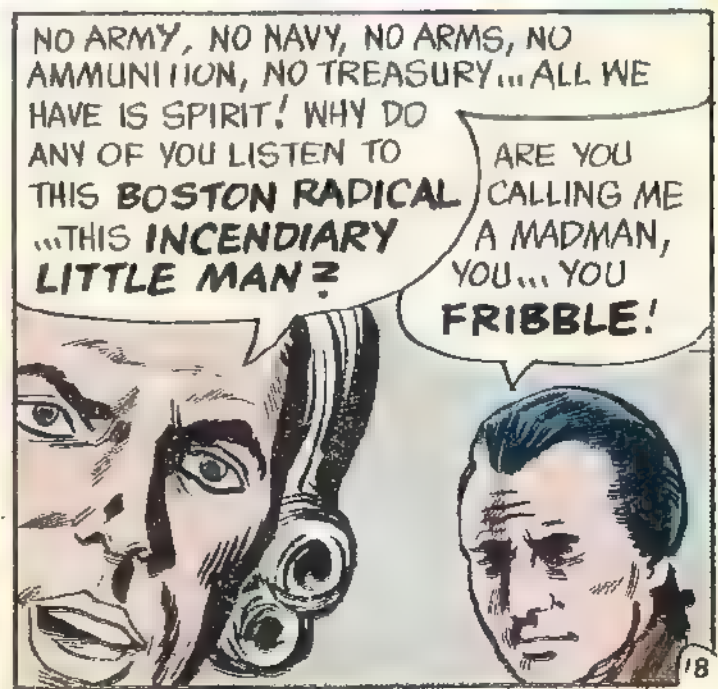
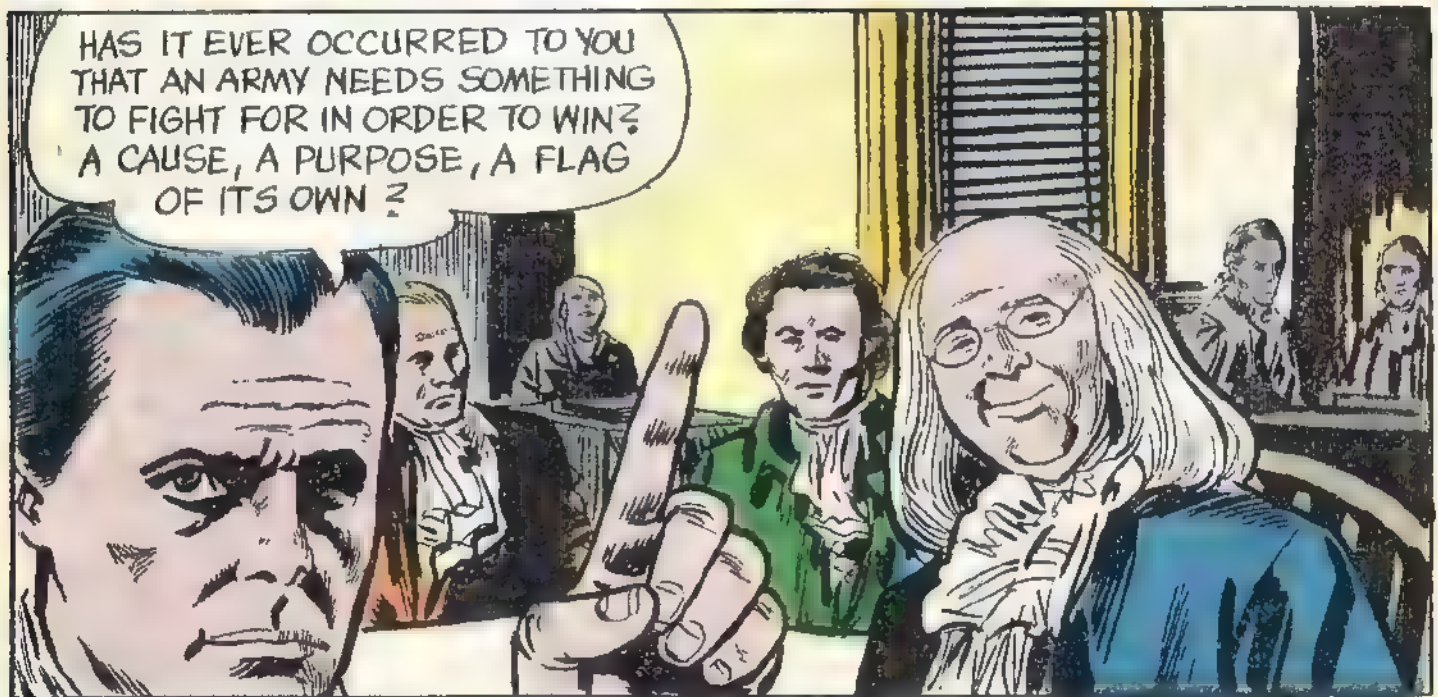
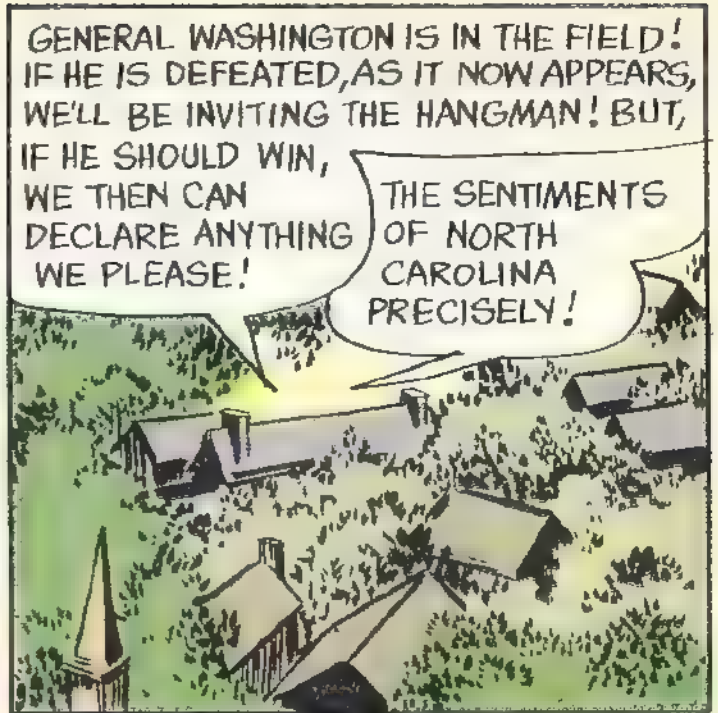
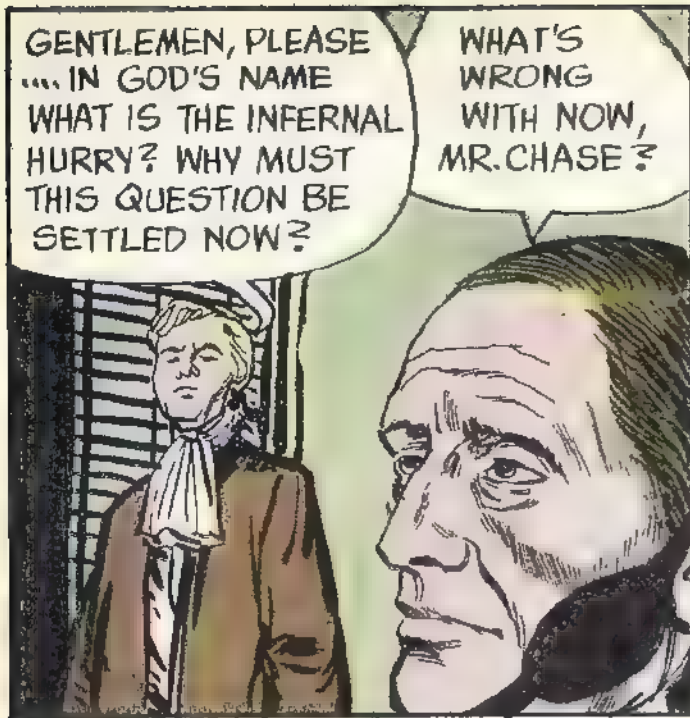


IF I'M TO BE  
CALLED AN  
ENGLISHMAN,  
DICKINSON, I  
PREFER TO  
REMAIN  
ASLEEP!

WHAT'S SO TERRIBLE  
ABOUT BEING CALLED  
AN ENGLISHMAN?  
THE ENGLISH DON'T  
SEEM TO MIND.









YOU PENNSYLVANIA PROPRIETORS...YOU COOL, CONSIDERATE MEN! YOU KEEP TO THE REAR OF EVERY ISSUE SO IF WE SHOULD GO UNDER YOU'LL REMAIN AFLOAT!

ARE YOU CALLING ME A COWARD?



YES... COWARD! MAD-MAN!



LANDLORD!

LAWYER!

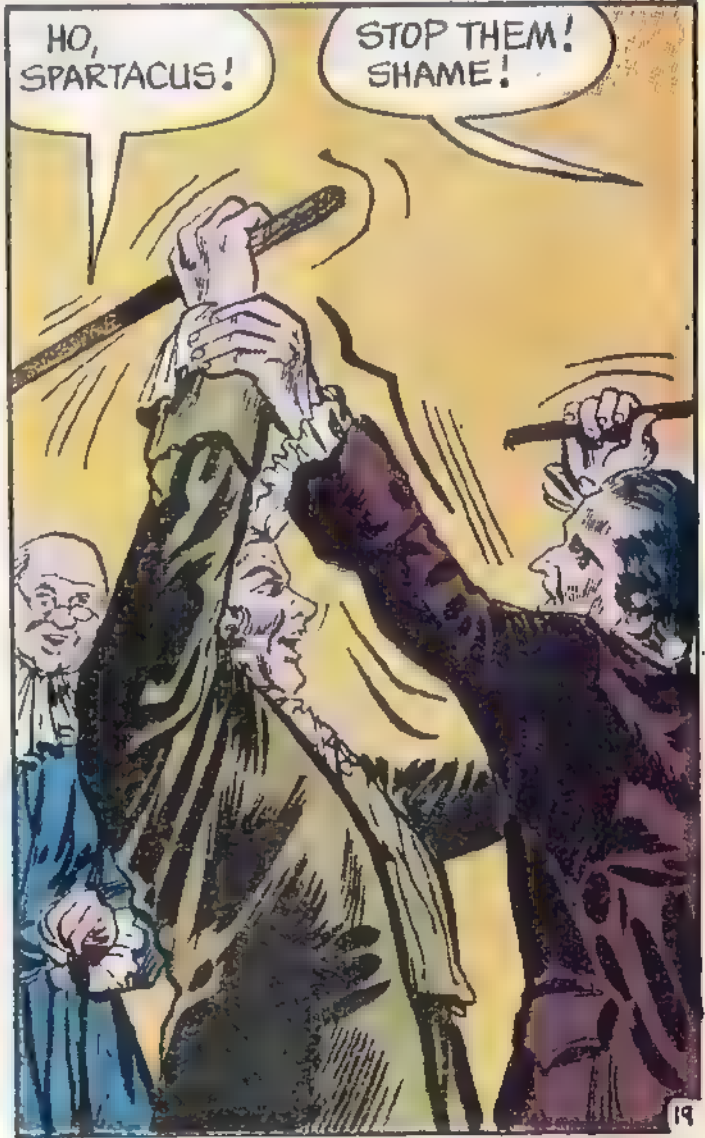


WHACK HIM BACK, JOHN!

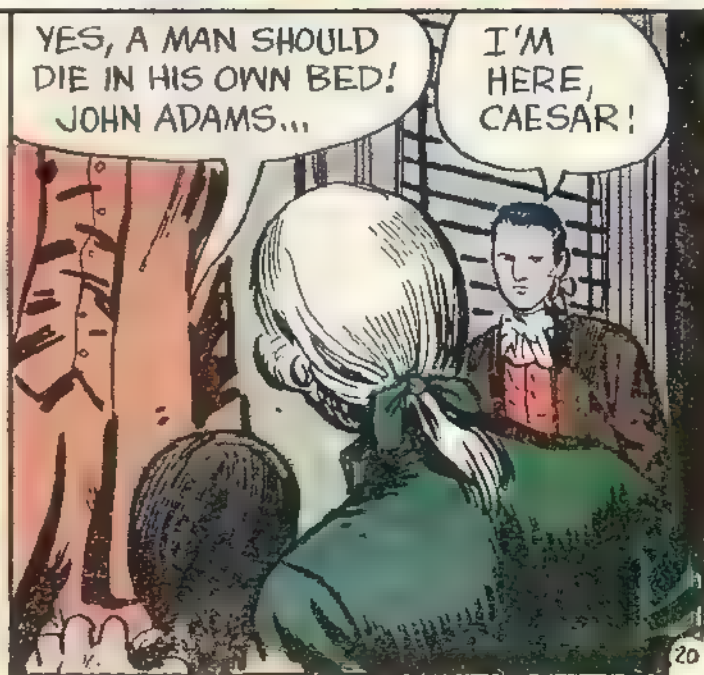
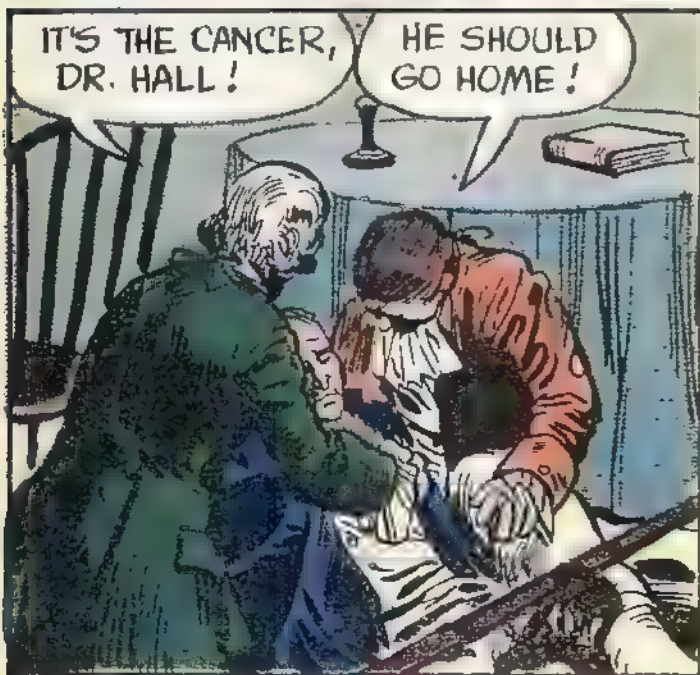
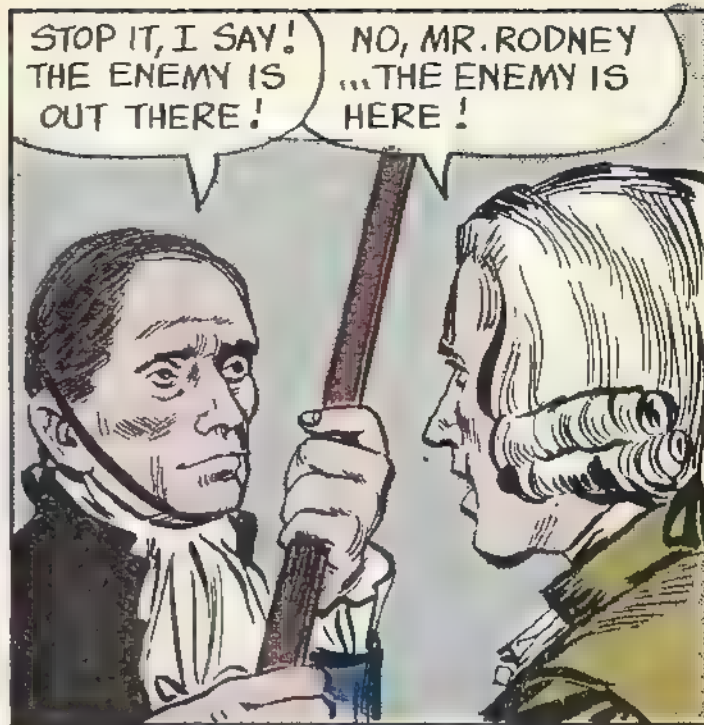
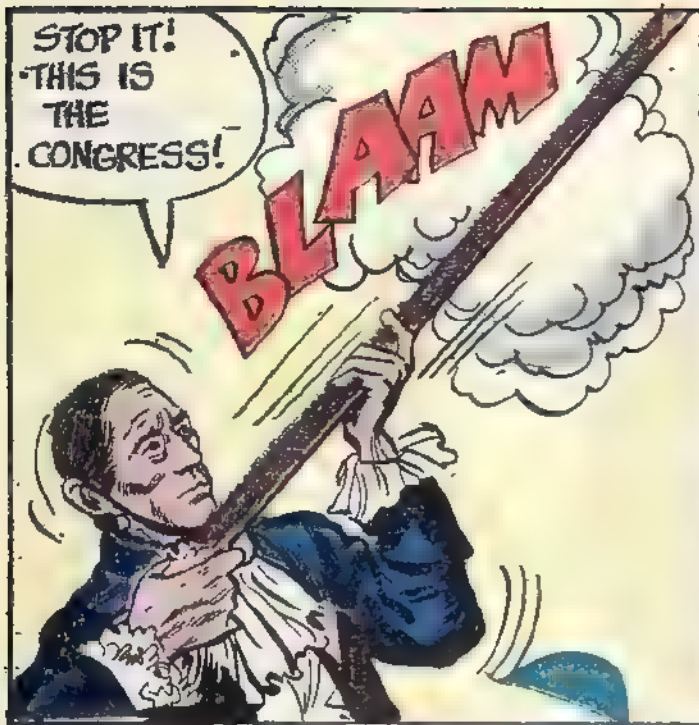


HO, SPARTACUS!

STOP THEM! SHAME!









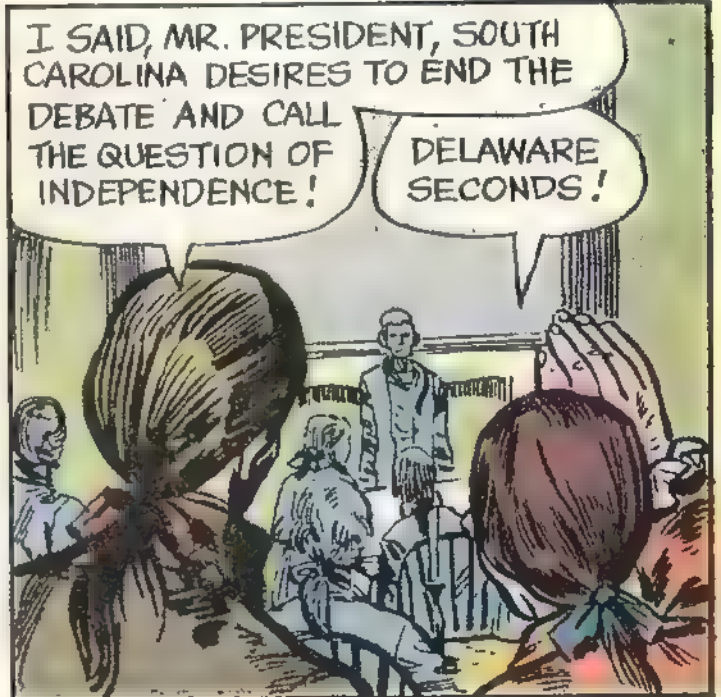


I LEAVE...YOU...  
A...DIVIDED...  
DELAWARE...  
FORGIVE ME!



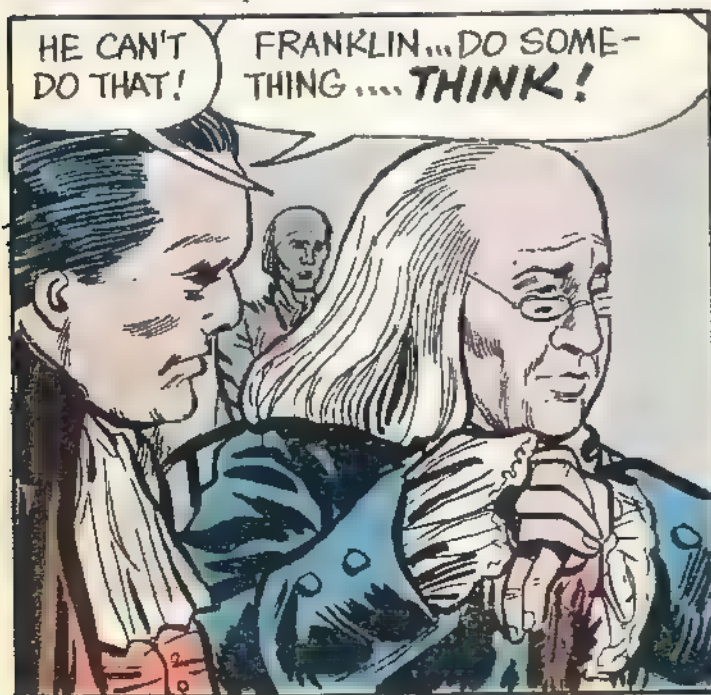
MR. PRESIDENT,  
SOUTH CAROLINA  
CALLS THE  
QUESTION!

WHAT'S THAT,  
MR. RUTLEDGE?



I SAID, MR. PRESIDENT, SOUTH  
CAROLINA DESIRES TO END THE  
DEBATE AND CALL  
THE QUESTION OF  
INDEPENDENCE!

DELAWARE  
SECONDS!



HE CAN'T  
DO THAT!

FRANKLIN...DO SOME-  
THING...**THINK!**



MR. SECRETARY, WOULD  
YOU **READ** THE  
RESOLUTION AGAIN?

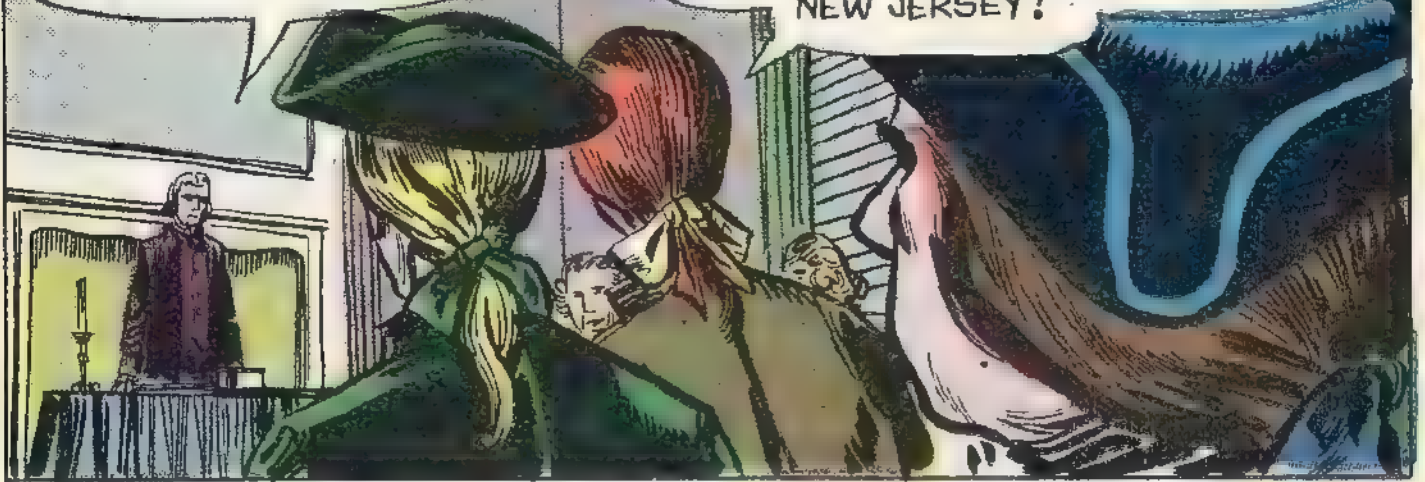
I  
I'VE FORGOTTEN  
IT!

THIS  
MUST  
BE  
THE  
PLACE!



EXCUSE ME, SIRs, BUT IF YOU DON'T MIND, THE CONGRESS WAS ABOUT TO DECIDE THE ISSUE OF AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE!

SPLENDID! THEN WE'RE NOT TOO LATE! THESE GENTLEMEN ARE MR. FRANCIS HOPKINSON AND MR. RICHARD STOCKTON AND I AM REVEREND JOHN WITHERSPOON. WE'RE THE NEW DELEGATES FROM NEW JERSEY!

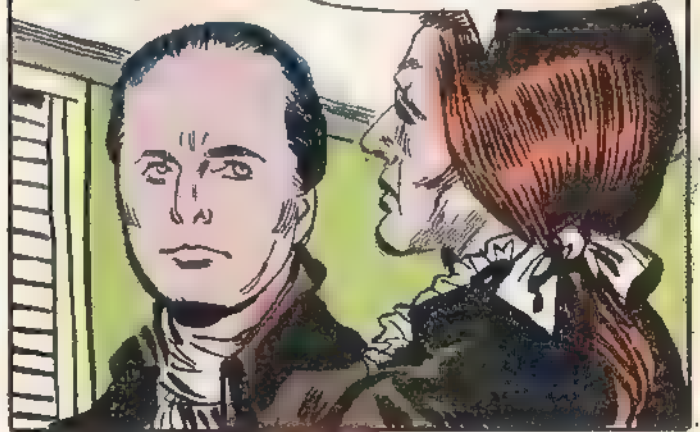


DR. FRANKLIN, I REGRET I MUST BE THE BEARER OF UNHAPPY TIDINGS! YOUR SON, THE ROYAL GOVERNOR OF NEW JERSEY, HAS BEEN TAKEN PRISONER AND MOVED UNDER GUARD TO CONNECTICUT!



QUICKLY, MAN... WHERE DO Y' STAND ON INDEPENDENCE?

HAVEN'T WE MADE THAT CLEAR? WE'VE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO VOTE **FOR** INDEPENDENCE!



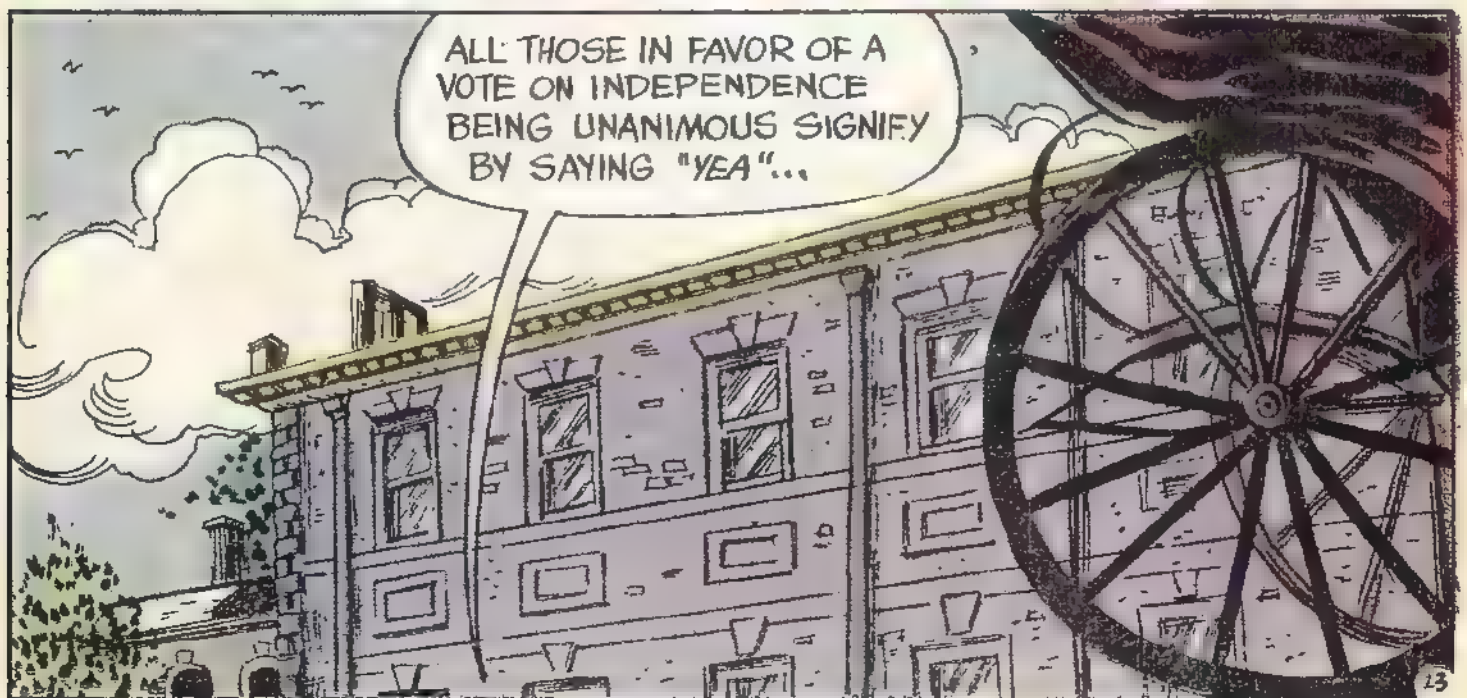
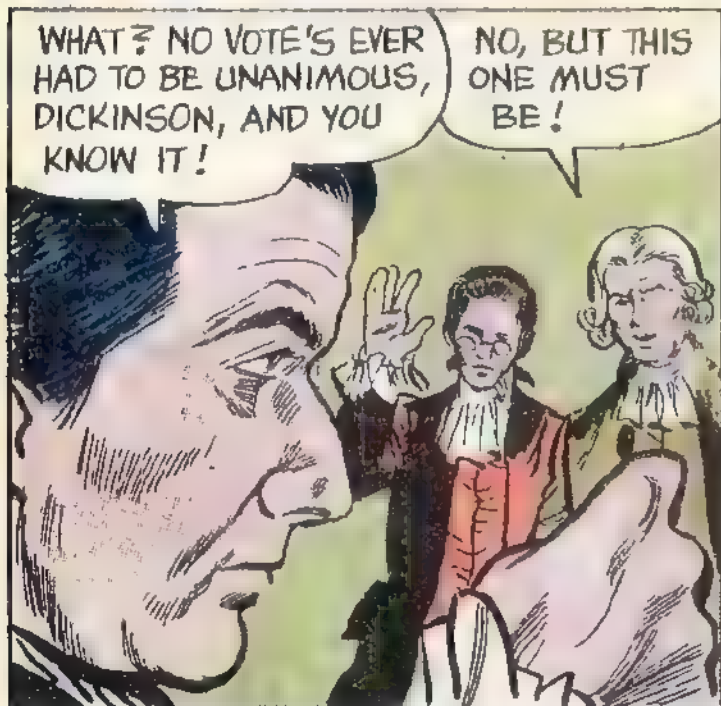
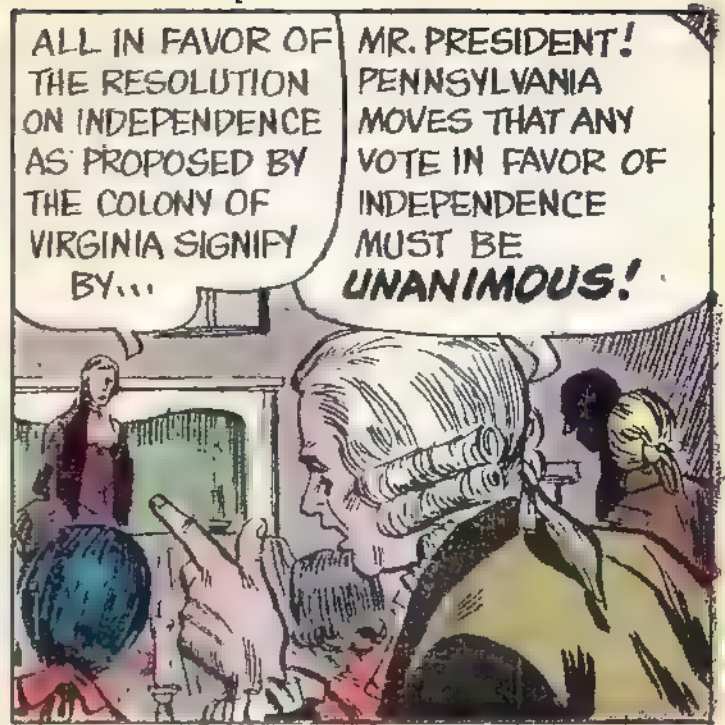
MR. PRESIDENT, MASSACHUSETTS IS NOW READY FOR THE VOTE ON INDEPENDENCE AND REMINDS THE CHAIR OF ITS PRIVILEGE OF DECIDING ALL VOTES WHICH ARE DEADLOCKED!



I WON'T FORGET, MR. ADAMS! MR. THOMPSON, YOU MAY NOW PROCEED WITH THE VOTE ON INDEPENDENCE!









SIX VOTES WERE CAST IN FAVOR OF UNANIMOUS VOTING FOR INDEPENDENCE...THE SIX VOTES WERE CAST AGAINST UNANIMOUS VOTING. BECAUSE NEW YORK ONCE MORE ABSTAINED FROM CASTING HER VOTE! THIS LEFT THE DECISION SQUARELY IN THE LAP OF JOHN HANCOCK...WHO VOTED FOR UNANIMITY...AGAINST JOHN ADAMS AND THE OTHERS FROM THE NORTH!

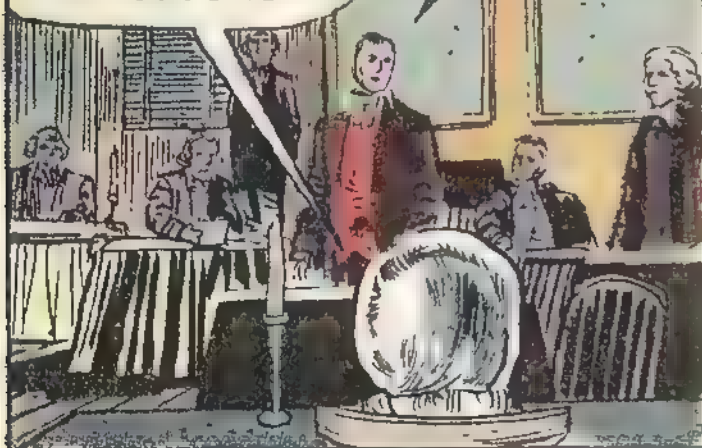
GOOD GOD, JOHN, WHAT'RE YOU DOING? YOU'VE SUNK US!

DON'T YOU SEE THAT ANY COLONY WHO OPPOSES INDEPENDENCE WILL BE FORCED TO FIGHT ON THE SIDE OF ENGLAND...THAT WE'LL BE SETTING BROTHER AGAINST BROTHER...EITHER WE WALK TOGETHER OR WE MUST STAY WHERE WE ARE!



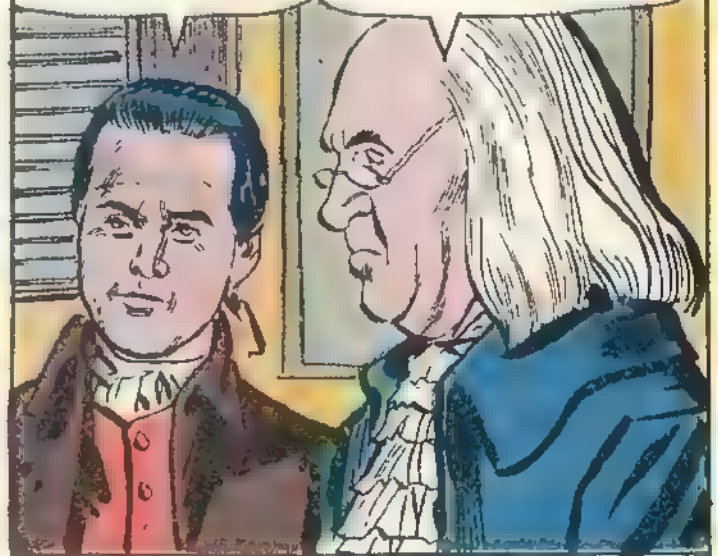
A UNANIMOUS VOTE BEING NECESSARY TO CARRY, IF ANY BE OPPOSED TO THE RESOLUTION ON INDEPENDENCE...

MR. PRESIDENT!



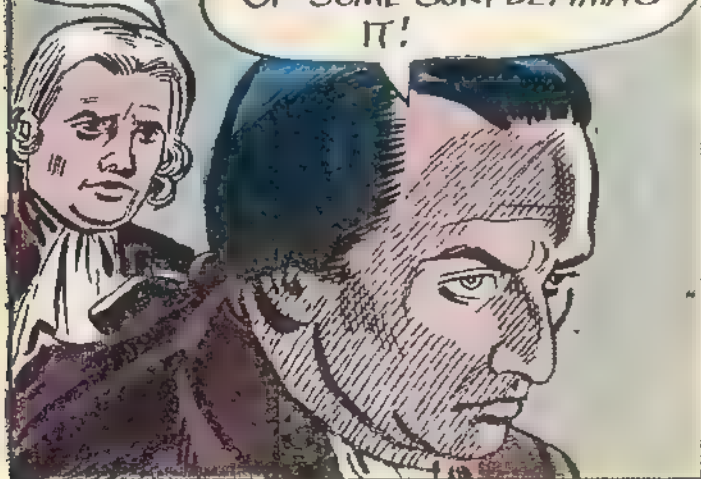
MR. PRESIDENT, I MOVE FOR A POSTPONEMENT!

MR. ADAMS IS RIGHT... WE NEED A POSTPONEMENT!



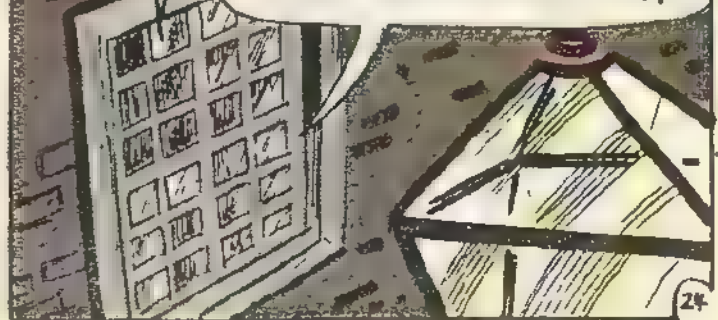
ON WHAT GROUNDS, MR. ADAMS?

MR. PRESIDENT, HOW CAN THIS CONGRESS VOTE ON INDEPENDENCE WITHOUT A WRITTEN DECLARATION OF SOME SORT DEFINING IT!



WE KNOW WHAT INDEPENDENCE IS, JOHN!

WELL, YES, **WE** KNOW... BUT WHAT ABOUT THE REST OF THE WORLD? CERTAINLY WE REQUIRE THE AID OF A POWERFUL NATION LIKE FRANCE OR SPAIN.. AND SUCH A DECLARATION WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH EUROPEAN DELICACY!





THEN, THOMAS JEFFERSON, THE SILENT MAN, SPOKE...HE DID SO RARELY BUT WHEN HE DID, PEOPLE LISTENED!

TO PLACE BEFORE MANKIND THE COMMON SENSE OF THE SUBJECT...IN TERMS SO PLAIN AND FIRM AS TO COMMAND THEIR ASSENT!

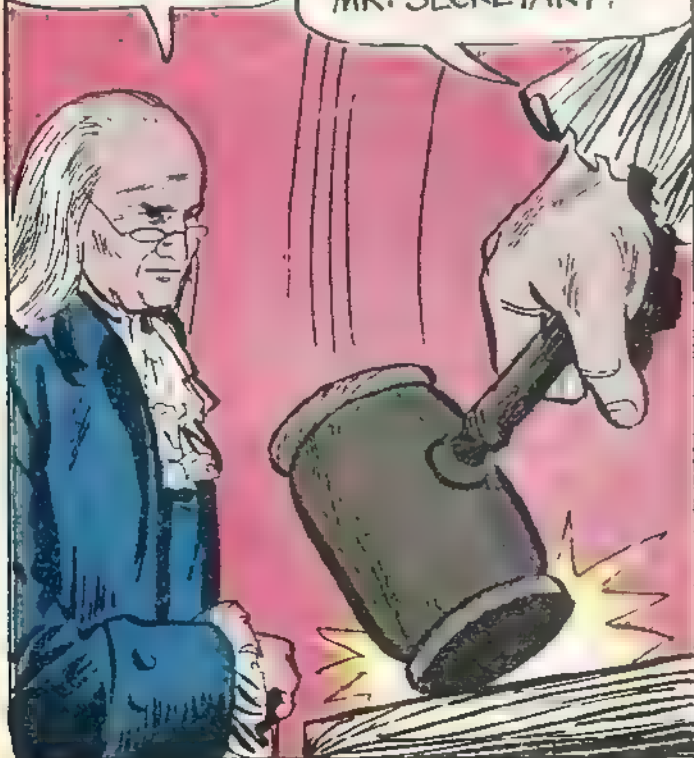


ARE YOU SERIOUSLY SUGGESTING WE PUBLISH A PAPER DECLARING TO ALL THE WORLD THAT AN ILLEGAL REBELLION IS, IN REALITY, A LEGAL ONE?



MR. PRESIDENT, I SECOND THE MOTION TO POSTPONE THE VOTE ON INDEPENDENCE FOR A PERIOD OF TIME SUFFICIENT FOR THE WRITING OF A DECLARATION!

IT HAS BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED, MR. SECRETARY!

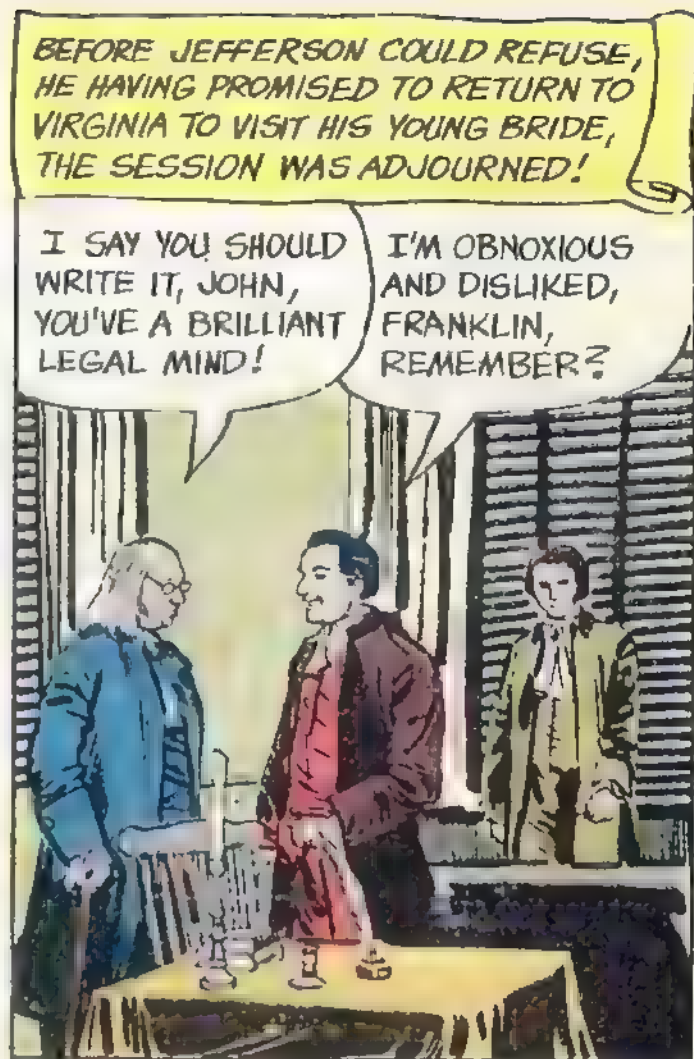


IT WENT TO A VOTE! 6 VOTED "YEA", 6 VOTED "NAY" AND JOHN HANCOCK, PRESIDENT, VOTED FOR THE POSTPONEMENT!

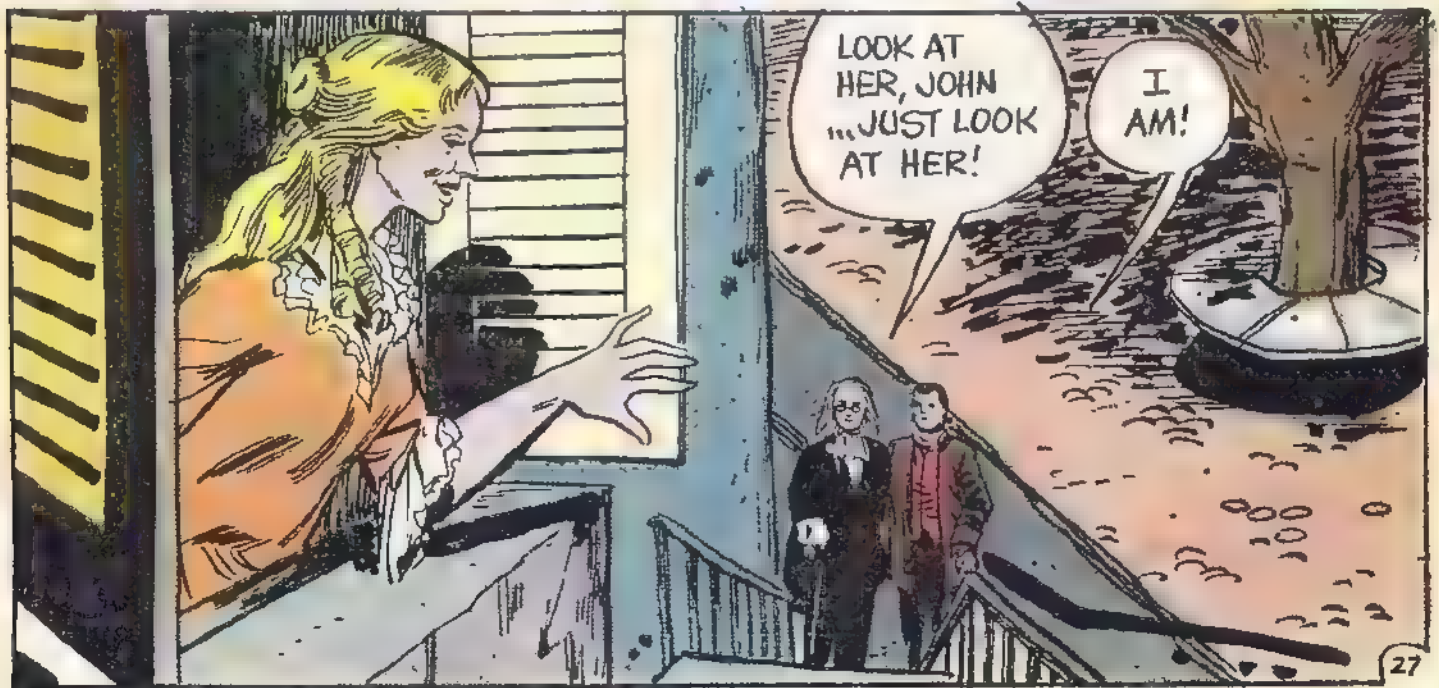
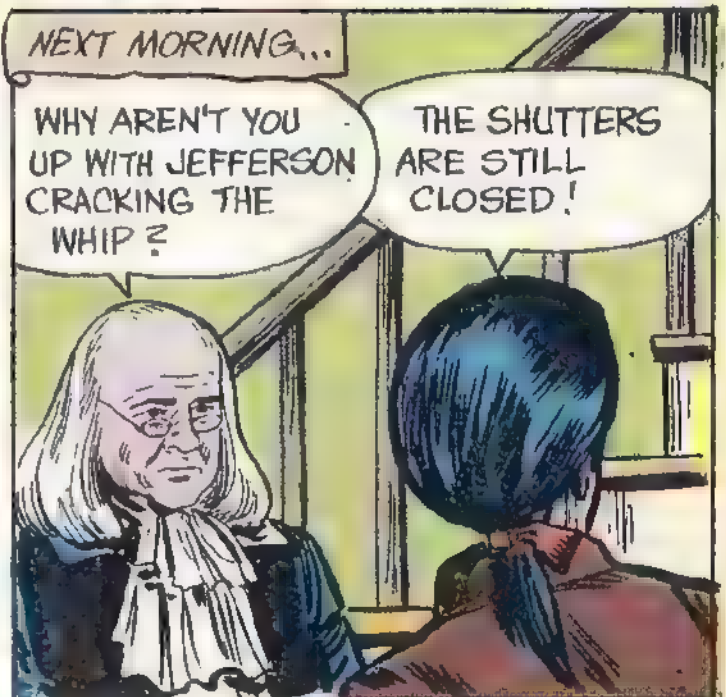
A COMMITTEE WILL BE FORMED TO MANAGE THE DECLARATION, SAID DOCUMENT TO BE WRITTEN, DEBATED AND APPROVED BY THE BEGINNING OF JULY, SOME THREE WEEKS HENCE, AT WHICH TIME VIRGINIA'S RESOLUTION ON INDEPENDENCE WILL FINALLY BE VOTED ON! WILL THE FOLLOWING GENTLEMEN SERVE ON THE DECLARATION COMMITTEE; DR. FRANKLIN, MR. JOHN ADAMS, MR. SHERMAN, MR. LIVINGSTON AND OF COURSE MR. LEE.













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GET TO  
WHAT,  
JOHN?

YEA	ABSTAIN	NO
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HOW ABOUT  
DELAWARE? IS  
THERE ANY NEWS  
OF CAESAR RODNEY?

THE LIBERALS (THOSE FOR LIBERTY) HARANGUED THE ANTI-INDEPENDENCE FACTION...

BUT WHY AREN'T YOU FOR INDEPENDENCE, CHASE?

IF I THOUGHT WE'D WIN THIS WAR, I'D BE WITH YOU, ADAMS, BUT WASHINGTON'S ARMY HAS FALLEN APART!

*by Dave Coverly*

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APART!

A comic book panel showing a man in a military uniform, likely a general, sitting at a desk and reading a letter. The letter is held in his hands, and a speech bubble from the letter reads: "ANOTHER DISPATCH FROM GENERAL WASHINGTON TELLING US HIS TROUBLES!". The man is wearing a dark uniform with a high collar and a belt. The background is dark and indistinct. The panel is numbered 28 in the bottom right corner.



AT LAST, THE DECLARATION WAS FINISHED... THAT IS, AS THOMAS JEFFERSON HAD WRITTEN IT, **BUT...**

MR. JEFFERSON, YOU MUST STRIKE OUT THE PHRASE...

SIR, IF YOU OFFEND. BRITISH PARLIAMENT...

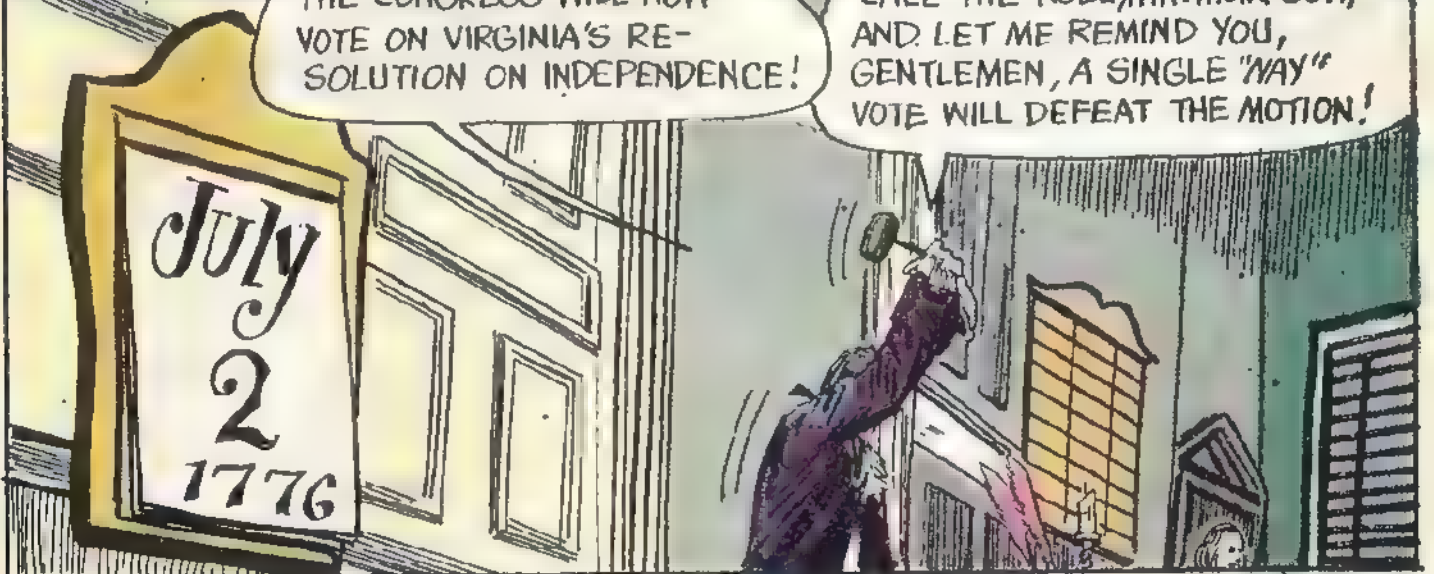
IT MUST BE CHANGED!



AND CHANGES WERE MADE... MORE THAN 87 CORRECTIONS TO THE ORIGINAL... BUT AT LAST...

THE CONGRESS WILL NOW VOTE ON VIRGINIA'S RESOLUTION ON INDEPENDENCE!

CALL THE ROLL, MR. THOMPSON, AND LET ME REMIND YOU, GENTLEMEN, A SINGLE "YEA" VOTE WILL DEFEAT THE MOTION!



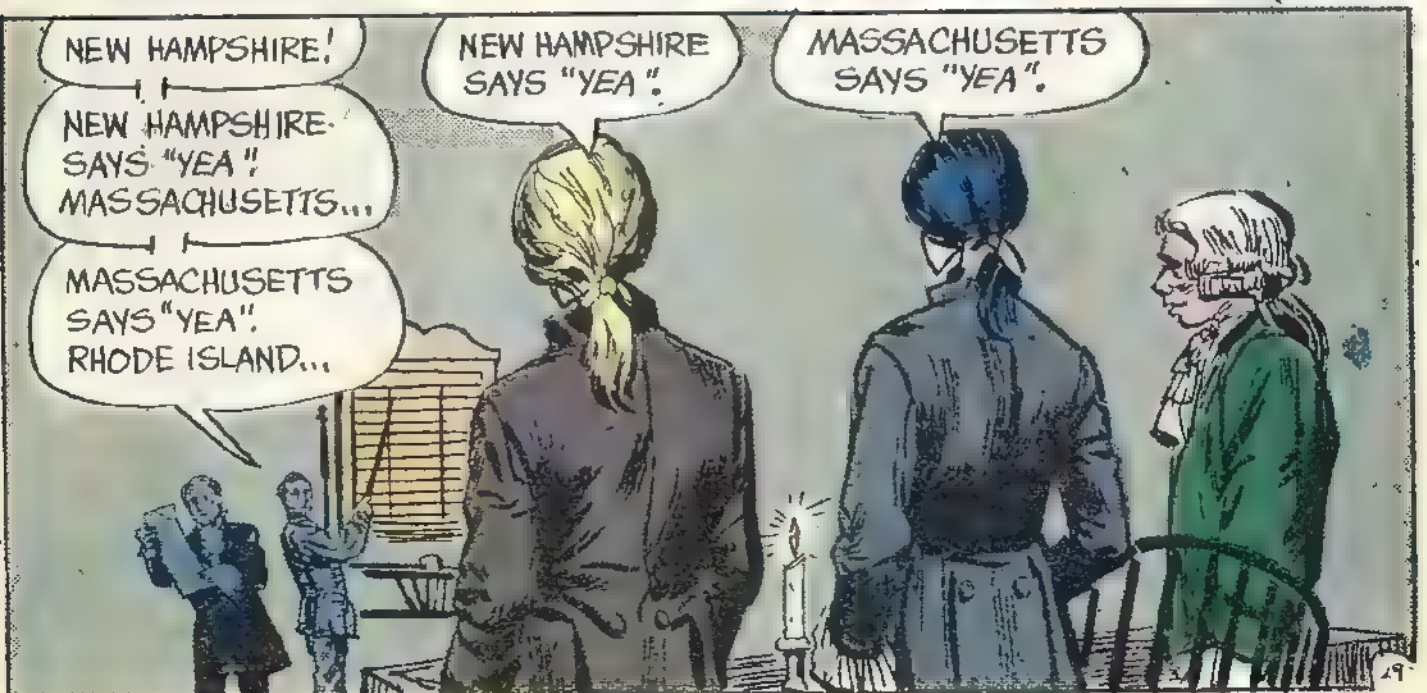
NEW HAMPSHIRE!

NEW HAMPSHIRE SAYS "YEA"! MASSACHUSETTS...

MASSACHUSETTS SAYS "YEA". RHODE ISLAND...

NEW HAMPSHIRE SAYS "YEA".

MASSACHUSETTS SAYS "YEA".





ELEVEN STATES VOTED FOR INDEPENDENCE, NEW YORK ABSTAINED AND PENNSYLVANIA STILL HAD TO CAST HER VOTE! JOHN DICKINSON, IMPLACABLE FOE OF REVOLT AGAINST ENGLAND, WOULD NOT CHANGE HIS VOTE! BENJAMIN FRANKLIN ARGUED VAINLY WITH HIM, THEN TURNED HIS ATTENTION TO JAMES WILSON, THIRD MEMBER OF THE PENNSYLVANIA DELEGATION!

I AM FOR LIBERTY, JUDGE WILSON...MR. DICKINSON IS AGAINST IT...IT IS FOR YOU TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT A NEW NATION WILL BE BORN OR DIE!

NOTHING HAS CHANGED, JAMES...YOU'RE STILL OPPOSED TO THEIR DECLARATION!

WE'VE COMPROMISED, JUDGE WILSON...NOW THE ENTIRE VOTE IS UP TO YOU!

IF I VOTE AGAINST IT, I SHALL BE ONE MAN WHO CONDEMNED LIBERTY... IF I VOTE FOR IT, I'LL BE ONLY ONE OF DOZENS WHO DID SO! I VOTE "YEA" FOR VIRGINIA'S RESOLUTION!

THE COUNT BEING TWELVE TO NONE WITH ONE ABSTENTION...THE RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED!

IT'S DONE!  
IT'S DONE!



MR. THOMPSON, IS  
THE DECLARATION  
READY TO BE  
SIGNED?

IT IS!



THEN I SUGGEST WE DO SO, AND  
THE CHAIR FURTHER PROPOSES FOR  
OUR MUTUAL SECURITY AND SAFETY  
AND NO MAN BE ALLOWED TO SIT  
IN THIS CONGRESS WITHOUT  
ATTACHING HIS NAME TO IT!



I'M SORRY, MR. PRESIDENT, I CAN-  
NOT, IN GOOD CONSCIENCE, SIGN SUCH  
A DOCUMENT. I WILL NEVER STOP HOPING  
FOR OUR EVENTUAL RECONCILIATION  
WITH ENGLAND, BUT BECAUSE IN MY  
OWN WAY I REGARD AMERICA NO  
LESS THAN DOES MR. ADAMS, I WILL  
JOIN THE ARMY AND FIGHT IN HER  
DEFENSE! GOOD-BYE, GENTLEMEN.



THAT'S A  
PRETTY  
LARGE  
SIGNATURE,  
JOHNNY!

SO FAT GEORGE  
IN LONDON CAN  
READ IT WITHOUT  
HIS GLASSES!







SIGNING THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE.



IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America.

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